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Town council in turmoil as four quit

NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR FIRST TO GO IN 24 HOURS OF CHAOS

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THE four town councillors who resigned from their duties last week have savaged former colleagues as the row at Honiton Town Council turns personal.

Ashley Delasalle, Peter Halse, David Perkins and Luke Harvey-Ingram all resigned from the council within 24 hours of each other and launched blistering attacks on the council amid claims of bullying and intimidation.

David Perkins, who was voted off from the committee investigating the finances surrounding construction of the Beehive, later resigned saying that 'Honiton's political house of cards is crumbling down'.

Mr Perkins said: "This is happening through a group of councillors past their sell by date, who are determined to prove that the fantasist in their midst was right in the allegations he made against the town clerk [Chetna Jones]."

Ashley Delasalle, who resigned less than 10 minutes after being voted in as mayor, called the council 'diseased with negative energy and with with personal battles of ego'.

Luke Harvey-Ingram, who chaired the council's employment committee said that the behaviour of certain members of the council has left him ashamed to be associated with them

Former mayor and councillor since 1981, Peter Halse accused the council of being 'boarded by pirates'.

Mr Halse added: "I've enjoyed my time on the council in general and even my time as mayor, but the last three years have been absolutely horrid.

"This council will continue to not work until councillors learn to act like grown-ups. There are those in the council who cannot accept defeat and continue to try to dig up poison."

Honiton Town Council has been embroiled in a bitter civil war for several years but has recently come to a head after a farcical town council meeting on May 8th.

After she was elected as mayor by her fellow councillors, Ashley Delasalle said that since the start of the year she had witnessed harassment, bullying and intimidation to fellow councillors and council employees.

She said: "I have felt a victim of this treatment myself and the treatment of the temporary Responsible Finance Officer (David Perkins) can only be described as appalling.

"Despite the best efforts of some of us, this bullying and harassment has remained uncontrolled and unreported."

She later described the council as broken and lacking mutual respect and a sense of common decency.

Deputy mayor Cllr Henry Brown, who was elected at the same meeting, has ridiculed Mrs Delasalle for her comments saying: "She speaks of lacking mutual respect and common decency, yet she asks councillors to elect her and then throws their support back in her face for her own sense of self promotion.

"She criticised the council for having egos and then boasted about dining with prime ministers."

Cllr Brown then turned his ire to Mr Perkins and added: "David Perkins used his key from being a Beehive director to get into the council offices which were locked so another councillor could access files after hours.

"He conducted his own investigation alongside an ongoing police one which the council has absolutely no jurisdiction to do; he did this without consulting the mayor or our deputy clerk.

"He acted recklessly, hence why he was voted off the finance investigation working group.

"If an employee had acted the way he had, they would likely have been fired."

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No charges to be brought against MP and PCC

DEVON and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner Alison Hernandez and Yeovil MP Marcus Fysh have both been cleared by the Crown Prosecution Service, following an investigation into election spending.

The CPS announced on Wednesday that it had reviewed the files into Conservatives Alison Hernandez and Marcus Fysh and found no grounds for a criminal charge.

Alison Hernandez was being investigated after she allegedly failed to file election expenses when acting as the agent for Torbay MP Kevin Foster in 2015.

Nick Vamos, CPS head of special crime, said: "We have considered files of evidence from 14 police forces in respect of allegations relating to Conservative Party candidates' expenditure during the 2015 General Election campaign.

"We considered whether candidates and election agents working in constituencies that were visited by the party's 'Battle Bus' may have committed a criminal offence by not declaring related expenditure on their local returns.

"Instead, as the Electoral Commission found in its report, these costs were recorded as national expenditure by the party.

"We reviewed the files in accordance with the Code for Crown Prosecutors and have concluded the tests in the Code are not met and no criminal charges have been authorised."

Mr Vamos added: "Although there is evidence to suggest the returns may have been inaccurate, there is insufficient evidence to prove to the criminal standard that any candidate or agent was dishonest."

Ms Hernandez has since issued a statement saying she was 'delighted' no charges would be brought.

She said: "It is now two years on from these events and I am pleased that the shadow of the investigation has now been removed.

"My political opponents have regularly called for me to stand down over the past year but I have been determined not to let the investigation affect the way that I carry out my duties as police and crime commissioner.

"Over the past year I have set in train actions to create 100 additional police officers, a large increase in criminal investigation capacity, more armed response officers and a new remote record taking team to free up front line officers.

"At the same time, I have stopped closures of police stations and started to reconnect the public with the police."

Ms Hernandez said the investigation, which was carried out by West Mercia Police and reviewed by the IPCC and CPS, was a 'very sobering experience'.

She added: "I would also like to thank my friends and family who have been a constant support over the past year and to my team in the OPCC which has supported me in being the police and crime commissioner over the last 12 months."

Yeovil MP Marcus Fysh said: "We knew all along I had done nothing wrong, so I welcome this news. I hope now the attempted smears by my opposition will stop.

"It is sad that they have nothing else to offer. Theresa May's strong and competent leadership in the national interest, continued progress on our promises in South Somerset, and keeping local people's aspirations at the heart of Government should now be the focus.

"The only way to achieve these things in the Yeovil constituency is to vote for me."

● DEVON and Cornwall Police Chief Constable Shaun Sawyer has also been cleared of misconduct following a seven-month investigation into comments he made relating to the investigation into Ms Hernandez.

However, Mr Sawyer said his comments 'specifically avoided reference to the police investigation into Alison Hernandez' but added: "My views expressed to the media on that day remain the same today.

■ **NO CHARGES:** PCC Alison Hernandez

■ **CLEARED:** Chief Constable Shawn Sawyer

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Will police investigation halt villages plan?

EAST Devon District Council (EDDC) has refused to say whether or not the Colyton element of a villages plan process will be suspended until a police investigation is concluded.

EDDC vice chairman Helen Parr was linked to a police enquiry involving the East Devon Villages Plan consultation and the rules regarding councillors' declarations of interest.

Police have confirmed that an investigation is under way.

Councillor Parr says the allegation is "a fabrication" and is taking legal advice.

Pulman's View asked East Devon District Council if it plans to suspend the Colyton element of the village plan process until the police investigation is concluded.

An EDDC spokes person replied: "At this stage we are not prepared to comment on any matters relating to this issue."

The council is producing the plan to help guide decisions on where new development should take place in 15 selected larger villages, as well as the town of Colyton.

CLARIFICATION

Further to last week's stories headlined 'Police investigate councillor's role in village plan' on page 2 and 'Losing candidate disputes planning claims' on page 4 of the *Pulman's View From Seaton, Colyton & Beer* edition, we have been asked to clarify that East Devon district councillor Helen Parr does not own the land next to the CeramTec site in Colyton.

A statement from Councillor Parr said: "The land is owned by J. & F.J. Baker & Co. Ltd. Mrs Parr is a director of J. & F.J. Baker but owns no stake in it."

The confusion arose from Councillor Parr's register of interests, which lists J. & F.J. Baker & Co and the land next to CeramTec, known as Turlings Farm, as land/property in which she or a relevant person has a beneficial interest with the word "owner" written in brackets next to both property listings, and the word "husband" also written next to both, referring to her husband and chairman of Colyton Parish Council, Andrew Parr.

EDDC vice chairman Helen Parr

Candidates for general election are announced

NOMINATIONS for next month's general election closed last Thursday, with candidates across *Pulman's Country* now confirmed.

After their poor showing in the recent county council elections across the country, it will come as little surprise to find that UKIP aren't fielding candidates in every constituency in the area.

But the party had already said they wouldn't stand against Marcus Fysh (Con) in Yeovil or David Warburton (Con) in Somerton and Frome.

Both Fysh and Warburton supported Brexit at last year's referendum, and UKIP appear to be looking to prevent the Lib Dems – who are opposing Brexit – from retaking these two seats that the Tories won with big swings in 2015.

The snap election has meant other smaller parties have struggled to find candidates in time, with the Greens not standing in East Devon.

In the Tiverton and Honiton constituency (which also includes Axminster and Seaton) current MP Neil Parish (Con) will be challenged by Labour's Caroline Kolek (who previously ran in 2015), Lib Dem Matthew Wilson and Gill Westcott (Green).

In the East Devon constituency (which includes Ottery St Mary) MP Sir Hugo Swire (Con) will face high-profile independent candidate, county councillor Claire Wright, who polled nearly a quarter of the vote in 2015. Also standing are: Alison Eden (Lib Dem), Jan Ross (Lab), Brigitte Graham (UKIP), Michael Val Davies (Ind) and Peter Faithfull (Ind).

In the Yeovil constituency (which also includes Crewkerne, Chard and Ilminster) MP Marcus Fysh will be challenged by Jo Roundell Greene (Lib Dem), Ian Martin (Lab), Robert Wood (Green) and Crewkerne's Katy Pritchard (Ind). Until the last election, Yeovil had been Liberal Democrat – and Liberal before that – since 1983.

The party is looking to regain the seat two years after losing it, and Jo Roundell Greene – South Somerset District Council's deputy leader – will be hoping to lead them to victory. The granddaughter of former Labour Prime Minister Clement Atlee will be looking to follow in the footsteps of Paddy Ashdown and David Laws.

Finally, in Somerton and Frome (a constituency that includes Martock and rural areas near Yeovil) MP David Warburton (Con) will face Lib Dem Mark Blackburn, Labour's Sean Droomgoole, Theo Simon (Green) and independent candidate Richard Hadwin.

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FOWLER
Kathleen

Peacefully on 10th May 2017 RD&E Hospital with her four daughters beside her. Much loved wife of John, Mother of Fiona, Pamela, Elizabeth & Sharon. Grandmother and Great grandmother. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place on Thursday 25th May 2017 at 12:15pm at Wimple Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations in memory of Kathleen to Ferne Animal Sanctuary c/o JF Clarke & Son. Lyme Road, Axminster, EX13 5AU.

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Spinners group increases its membership

THE success story of Honiton Spinners cycling group continues to grow as the club announced an increase to more than 50 members at their first summer ride of the season.

Honiton Spinners has begun only its second year and the club welcomes women and men and aims to cater for a range of speeds, abilities, ages and confidence.

Evening rides, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, start at 6.30pm, and there are usually social rides on Wednesday afternoons and long rides on Sundays.

Spinners have been spotted in Lyme Regis, Exmouth and enjoying coffee and cake at Killerton House this year.

Members have already ventured further afield in 2017, with Ben Greenland tackling the ferocious 200K Audax round trip from Exeter to the Quantocks, and five riders flying round the Somerset Levels and up Cheddar Gorge in the first Yeovil Sportive, clocking up a staggering 115 miles.

Honiton Spinners are also training for the Dartmoor Demon, the Isle of Wight Sportive, the Wales and Birmingham Velothons and the Ride London 100.

For those not keen on such challenging rides, there is also an exciting week's cycling trip to Brittany and a Somerset ride ending with a welcome BBQ later in the summer.

Honiton Spinners are well-supported by Suzi and Gary Blackett of Cycle Honiton, who provide not only maintenance, advice, kit and equipment, but also maintenance courses – free to members!

To find out more about Honiton's only cycling club, visit their website www.honitonspinners.org, email them at info@honitonspinners.org or call in to Cycle Honiton.

Old rifle range sells for three times its guide price

A FORMER rifle range in Honiton sparked explosive bidding when it trebled its freehold guide price to sell for £154,000 at auction.

It went under the hammer with the former Honiton Air Training Corps offices in St Mark's Road. The sizeable site also included a canteen, parade hall, classrooms, squadron office and briefing room.

The centre was among the Westcountry lots listed for auction on May 4th by Clive Emson Land and Property Auctioneers.

It was bought by a local purchaser with various property interests.

Auctioneer Scott Gray said: "This unusual opportunity certainly triggered strong bidding.

"By the time the gavel came down the property had more than trebled the lower end of its guide and demonstrates the continuing strength of interest in sites of this kind.

"The property now offers the new owner myriad opportunities in commercial, residential or even leisure and recreational sectors subject to the necessary consents."

Help scheme to hold information clinic

THE Ottery Help Scheme will be holding a free information and advice clinic next month – and will be offering support to those that attend.

The scheme was initially set up in 1992, with the help of Ottery St Mary Hospital League of Friends, to give much needed support to local residents in times of illness or a period of life-changing circumstances.

It provides a number of services and continues to develop in response to community needs.

The clinic will take place at The Station in Ottery, on Friday, June 9th, from 9am until 12pm, and if you have any enquiries call the help scheme on 01404 813041.

Ottery Help Scheme chief officer, Helen Harms, said: "Do you have a problem you're worried about?

"We run free information clinics and will do our best to provide you with practical support in any area.

"Whether it be emotional, legal, financial or related to your health and well-being.

"All appointments are confidential and provided on a one-to-one basis by an appropriately experienced individual."

There will be other clinics in July, September, October and November.

● THE help scheme will also be running a half-term family fun-day at Cadhay Manor on Tuesday, May 30th.

The fun day will run from 10am until 2pm and will involve craft activities, bouncy castle, a barbecue and much more. Entry is £1 per person and all proceeds go towards the help scheme.

Eleven times Mayor of Ottery

COUNCILLOR Glyn Dobson has been elected Mayor of Ottery St Mary for the 11th time in a row.

In a week where the newly-elected Honiton mayor resigned after less than 10 minutes in the role before resigning from the council all together, councillors in Ottery have put their faith once again in Cllr Dobson and his deputy Ian Holmes, who has also been elected for the 11th time.

■ CLLR Glyn Dobson and Cllr Ian Holmes were re-elected as mayor and deputy mayor respectively for the 11th time

Cllr Dobson said: "Being elected is still a great honour and I feel very privileged. I'd like to thank the councillors that supported re-electing myself and Ian once again. Some of our main projects for the next year are finishing off the public toilets at the library and also hiring a handyman to help to tidy the town."

Action-packed exchange for German students

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AXE Valley Academy and Holyrood Academy in Chard jointly promoted Britain when hosting a group of German students and teachers.

The German visitors, from Kirchweyhe near Bremen, enjoyed eight action-packed days which included fossil hunting in Charmouth, trips to Axminster Heritage, Axminster Carpets and River Cottage as well as excursions to Dartmoor and Bath.

Another highlight was an assembly at Axe Valley Academy where Headteacher Steve Green welcomed then Mayor of Axminster Cllr Paul Hayward and exchange sponsors Jim Reaney from the Rotary Club of Axminster and councillor Andrew Moulding.

Councillor Hayward gave a speech in German, which went down very well.

His main message to the students was to study, have an open mind and go out there and learn what the world has to offer.

"He concluded with his own variation of the famous JF Kennedy statement 'Ich bin ein Berliner' by claiming that the German students would soon be able to claim that they were in fact 'ein Axminster'.

Councillor Hayward jokingly added: "I do appreciate it means you say you are a carpet."

Previously in the speech Councillor Hayward broke Basil Fawlty's golden 'Don't Mention the War' rule by actually mentioning the war and, to everybody's amusement, he also managed to make reference to a new David Hasselhoff (who is very popular in Germany) album.

The exchange was concluded with a bring and share supper on the last evening where parents, staff and students enjoyed a social get together at Axe Valley Academy.

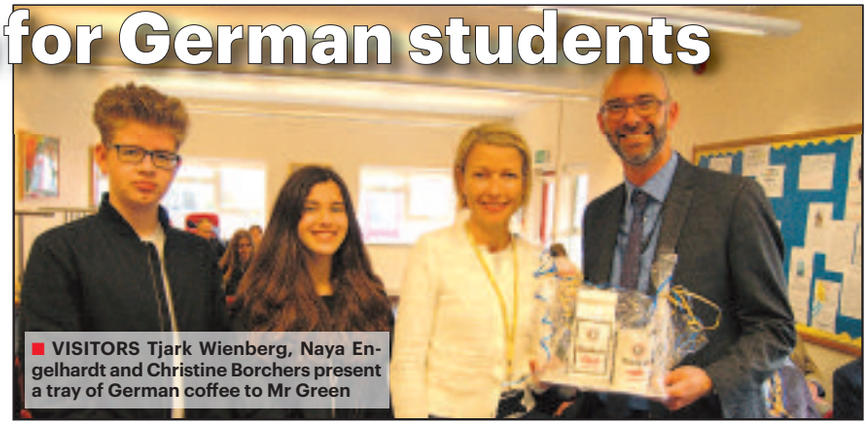
Organiser of the exchange, Margrethe Stuttaford, said: "I would very much like to thank everybody involved, both within and beyond the Vector Learning Trust, for making the German Exchange such a success.

"The benefits to both the English and German students will not end here because although the Germans have returned home, many firm friendships have been formed.

"Some families are already planning to visit Bremen later on in the year."

Axe Valley Chairman of Governors Heather Burnett added: "We're very pleased that the whole visit has gone so well and we are already planning another exchange for next year, which will run to a very similar programme."

HANDS-on experience at River Cottage



VISITORS Tjark Wienberg, Naya Engelhardt and Christine Borchers present a tray of German coffee to Mr Green

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Axminster's memory café reopens

THE memory café in Axminster has reopened and welcomes anyone worried about their memory, someone else's memory or who is affected by dementia.

The café provides practical information and support as well as the opportunity for people with dementia, their families and carers, to ask questions and to listen to experiences of others.

It also offers an informal and social environment in which to learn new skills, and undertake meaningful activities for those wishing to take part.

Meetings are in Pippins Centre, which has plenty of parking and access for the disabled.

The next one is on Monday, May 22nd from 2pm-4pm.

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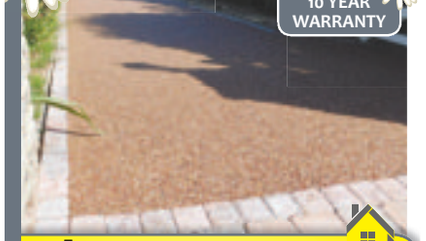

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Council furore turns personal as mass resignations leave empty seats

LAST week, Honiton lost four town councillors after an explosive meeting, in which Ashley Delasalle was elected mayor before resigning after delivering a withering statement regarding the council affairs.

Her resignation was followed by those of David Perkins, former mayor Peter Halse and Luke Harvey Ingram, all within the space of 24 hours.

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The town council now finds it has lost seven councillors since Christmas, although the first three resignations are not related to the current issues at the council.

Four seats remain, and it is thought that councillors would rather fill the council through co-option rather than an election.

Resignation statement: Luke Harvey-Ingram

OVER the past few months I have found my position to be untenable, and the behaviour of certain members of the council has left me ashamed to be associated with them. Although there is an offer of mediation on the table from the district council I cannot help but fear that this will not be taken in the spirit in which it was offered; in fact, I would be very surprised to see attendance by all members of the council.

The recent decision, that I opposed entirely, to accept a paltry sum in settlement of the judicial review has been for me the straw that has broken the camel's back.

As a council we are powerless to sanction against the most disgraceful of behaviours. This has emboldened certain councillors to follow what I believe are personal missions to vindicate Councillor Taylor's initial statements in his leaked letter that began the whole sorry affair, and completely ignore the real purpose of the role of councillor, which is to serve the electorate.

Outgoing mayor's statement: Caroline Kolek

AS outgoing Mayor it is right that I respond to the appalling turn of events on Honiton Town Council Monday evening.

There have been some very emotive and subjective statements made by those who have resigned. However, the people of Honiton deserve to hear the facts. Prepared speeches have been made, pre-planned walk outs have been done with typed up notes readily handed to the press in an attempt to undermine the good work of the council.

It was an honour to serve as the Town's Mayor and I thank all those who have served on the council and freely given up their time.

However, the facts remain and people must hear them in a calm and objective manner.

The most difficult challenge I faced as Mayor was dealing with information presented by staff in March relating to possible financial wrongdoing which is potentially criminal. It was not something I saw coming. Having been presented with information by staff I sought the advice of our monitoring officer who informed me I had to take this to the police.

I knew that this would not be popular with some. However, it is my public duty to report such concerns in the way that I did.

A member of the public at the meeting asked if councillors were prepared to act under the seven principles of public life. I am well aware of the Nolan Principles and I still stand that I acted with transparency, honesty and integrity. I showed leadership in being prepared to act in the best interests of the community and the public purse. I knew it was not in my own best interests as I knew I would not be popular with everyone for doing so.

I did not inform Cllrs that I had made a report to the police, I felt that it was best dealt with discreetly. Unfortunately, two Councillors interfered with that police investigation holding formal interviews of their own. Council offices and files were accessed one evening without the Mayor's prior knowledge or staff prior knowledge. I found out as I received an email from a Councillor stating they had cause to be in the council offices and took the opportunity to look at staff files. Both the police and the Monitoring Officer were informed. These actions started rumours and I was left to explain myself at a finance meeting in mid April, this was reported in the press.

The councillors that have resigned have cited some other interesting reasons. Let me clarify the facts.

> **The people of Honiton deserve to hear the facts**

We did not accept a paltry sum in concluding the Judicial Review without the agreement of all those on the Employment Committee. This committee met on Monday 10th April and considered the offer made by Cllr Taylor. Our legal advisors told us to take the money as it was a good offer. To not do so and pursue more in court would cost the council more money and could potentially leave the judge ruling us as unreasonable and with a lesser sum. It was unanimously agreed and minuted that we would ask for and accept an additional £5000 on top of what was offered. Cllr Taylor agreed and the total payment has been made in full.

There have been allegations of bullying by councillors of Council staff. During an Employment Committee meeting in January after our Clerk was signed off with stress we met with all other council staff. They confirmed that they were happy working for the council and felt they were treated with respect and courtesy. This meeting was minuted. I also received a text message, saved along with many others, from the clerk prior her going off on sick leave stating her door was always open to me and how well we work together.

Whilst I will try and refrain from making personal, emotive and subjective statements I will give one response. If I made any mistakes it was in making poor character judgments; my trust was misplaced. But so was the trust of the people of Honiton.

The police investigation now logged as a crime continues. I wish to assert that does not involve any member of staff.

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Former mayor says "council has been boarded by pirates"

Resignation statement: Ashley Delasalle

FIRSTLY and most importantly I would like to thank those of you [that] have supported me over the past few weeks. If this process has taught me anything it is that I have great friends.

I would also like to thank my family, especially my husband for his inspiration and for teaching me I can make a positive difference to people's lives.

Thirty-five years ago my teacher told me to steer clear of my husband because he was trouble. I now live with a man who receives invitations from the Prime Minister to dine at Number 10 and who proposed to me at the High Sheriff of Devon's private garden party.

Clearly some teachers are poor judges of character.

I have said that I will endeavour to secure funds to reinstate the Gissage Bridge and the toll gates. I have many ideas and I will pursue those aims. I will also fund raise to provide the defibrillators for the town that the council failed to provide last year.

This will be difficult to achieve as we have been so pre-occupied with the past that we have failed to set a proper budget for the coming year.

This council exists to serve the people of the town, it does not exist to boost our ego's (sic) or fulfil our personal ambitions.

Sadly we do not all hold that opinion.

In the past four months it is my view that I have witnessed the harassment, bullying and intimidation of our fellow councillors and council employees.

I feel a victim of this treatment myself and the treatment of our temporary RFO [Responsible Financial Officer Cllr David Perkins, who was filling in for town clerk Chetna Jones] can only be described as appalling.

Despite the best efforts of some of us this bullying and harassment has remained uncontrolled and unreported.

It is my opinion that Honiton Town Council is broken, it is limping from one crisis to the next, it is diseased with negative energy, with personal battles of ego, with personal ambition; there is a lack of mutual respect and sense of common decency among its peers, and is fixated with the past.

This type of behaviour affects the health of our employees, our members and our members' families and is at best immature.

We should be ashamed.

I promise the town of Honiton that I will do all I can to achieve the aim's (sic) I have set out above to the best of my ability. I will welcome all the co-operation and help I know I will receive from many of you and from the people of the town.

I feel that my efforts will be most effective without the influence of the town council.

> Honiton Town Council is broken

Resignation statement: David Perkins

HONITON's political house of cards is crumbling through the efforts of a group of councillors past their sell by date, who are determined to prove that the fantasist in their midst was right in the allegations he made against the Town Clerk regarding the Beehive build costs and that the High Court judge was wrong when he concluded in his judgement "…he had disseminated a letter which contained allegations of serious criminal misconduct by the Town Clerk which were entirely without foundation."

The appalling behaviour of this group that has involved bullying, intimidation and insults to councillors and staff, has resulted in three occasions when they have wasted police time with requests to investigate spurious allegations.

In the meantime they fail to celebrate the success of the Beehive in the contribution it is now making to the local community and beyond. They fail to engage in the real issues facing our community such as hospital bed closures, affordable housing, assisting local groups providing services, supporting the food bank, Trip, the Scouts, etc.

Far more important to them is to keep shelling out taxpayers' monies paying lawyers' fees in pursuit of justifying their own incompetence in the first place in the oversight of the Beehive project.

Honiton deserves better from its councillors and I hope voters will exercise more care in who they vote for in the future.

> … bullying, intimidation and insults…

Resignation statement: Peter Halse

I TRIED to make peace, but I've finally given up.

The council feels like its been boarded by pirates and I'm sorry the recent issues have caused such unpleasantness and unfair accusations.

I have been on the council since 1981 and have represented this town on district and county councils.

On the whole, I've enjoyed my time on the council and even my time as mayor, but the last three years have been absolutely horrid.

This council will continue to not work, until councillors learn to act like grown ups.

There are those in the council who cannot accept defeat and continue to try to dig up poison.

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■ LITTLETOWN Primary Academy and Nursery has installed a new play area in the grounds thanks to donations and grants.

The academy received generous donations from The Big Lottery Fund, Tesco Bags of Life and Honiton charity the Allhallows Trust.

Nursery teacher Becky Jackson said: "We were thrilled to hear that we had been selected to go in store for voting last year and even more thrilled when we heard we had been successful in obtaining a grant of £10,000 to completely makeover our nursery area outside.

"We were also extremely lucky to be awarded £1,200 from the Allhallows trust to complete our project.

"Prior to the makeover, our outside area was extremely tired and was in need of a complete overhaul.

"We have worked with a company called Schoolscapes from Cornwall, who sent designers to create an area that was completely tailored to the needs of our children.

"Our key installation was a climbing tower, giving the children a way to assess risks, climb and scale and bear their own weight.

"It also has a shop underneath giving opportunities for role play and development of language.

"The area has been covered in colourful rubber and astro-turf, making the whole area safer and more inviting.

"A wooden sleeper wall was created with a den building area behind, where the children can create their own hideaways.

Ms Jackson added: "The grants we received have enabled us to create an area for the children which is safe, inviting, exciting and rich in learning opportunities and will support the children in our nursery for many years to come."

Littletown Nursery can now take up to 54 children in sessions each week and, from September, the nursery will be open from 8am-6pm.

▼ BECKY Jackson and Vicky Smith, Tesco Community Champion were on hand to open the new play area

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With visual impairments common among those with dementia, Specsavers is ensuring a trip to the opticians and audiologists is as comfortable as possible for them.

In the run up to Dementia Awareness Week (15-21 May), Specsavers employees nationwide are becoming Dementia Friends, an initiative run by the Alzheimer's Society. Every store now has at least one team member who is a Dementia Friend and understands the needs of customers with dementia a little more. The Specsavers Healthcall teams that carry out home visits are also becoming Dementia Friends.

Specsavers is also using Dementia Awareness Week to remind anyone over 55 to undergo regular hearing tests, as research suggests that people with untreated hearing loss are more likely to develop Alzheimer's. Hearing tests are free at Specsavers.

Dr Nigel Best, Specsavers clinical spokesperson, says: 'People with dementia may not be able to recognise or articulate the issues that many of us face when we begin to lose our sight or hearing - but the effects are the same. Being more aware of dementia is an incredibly positive development for our teams and our offering to customers.'

Those with dementia commonly experience problems with their sight and visual perception, causing them to misinterpret the world around them. Some sufferers can experience hallucinations. On top of that, research has revealed that almost half of dementia patients in care homes are wearing glasses with the wrong prescription, leading to increased isolation.

Laura Stallerbrass, store manager at Specsavers Forfar, has encouraged all her team to do Dementia Friends.

'We aim to provide a safe environment for all of our customers. I can definitely see a shift in attitudes to dementia which is lovely to experience.'

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Exewingers are out in 'force'

Peter Hodges
Reporter | peter@viewnews.co.uk

MEMBERS of the Exewing Fundraisers were out in 'force' at Tesco last week, letting residents know about an upcoming event.

'Starbase Honiton' on July 22nd takes place at the Mackarness Hall, and the one-day charity sci-fi convention will be raising funds for Hospiscare.

There will be special guest Jerome Blake, who has been in *Star Wars* and *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, as well as cosplayers, screen used and replica props, a raffle, prizes and much more.

Tickets are £3, children under 12 are £1.50 and under fives are free. The event is on all day and a must for all *Doctor Who* and *Star Wars* fans.

■ DOCTOR WHO'S Tardis, Darth Vader, Daleks, Rey, an Ewok, a Jawa and an Ood, all joined Honiton town councillor Duncan Sheridan-Shaw (a member of Exewing) and Tesco staff at the fun event last week

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▼ **SIX girls from East Devon have raised more than £500 for the Devon Air Ambulance after taking part in a sponsored run.**

Jamie-Lee Ayers (10), Maicey Bennett and Harriet Bailey (both nine) and Emilia Bailey, Hollie Moulton and Ellie Sharland (all 12) all took part in a 6K run.

The girls started from Sidford Village Hall and took in a circuit which saw them finish in front of Sidmouth Sailing Club.

The girls say they chose Devon Air Ambulance because of how the service has been used by members of their families in the past and they wanted to say thank you and they hope that their money will be able to help someone else when they need it.

In the end the run made £520, and they presented their cheque to staff at the Devon Air Ambulance shop on Honiton High Street (pictured).

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Initiative to boost food waste recycling

MORE than 2,000 pledges to recycle food waste have been made by Devon residents.

Last month Devon residents were given the chance to win a composting bin – if they pledged online to compost their kitchen or garden waste.

The prize draw was all part of a county-wide initiative by Recycle Devon, a partnership of 10 councils including Devon County Council, eight district authorities and one unitary council.

The aim was to encourage more people to either compost food or garden waste at home or make use of their food waste collection in areas where they have them.

In total 1,062 people, spanning each and every Devon district and Torbay, made 2046 online pledges – and 100 of those won a composting bin, including 15 out of the 181 entrants from East Devon.

In addition, numerous other prizes including a wormery, a food waste gadget kit and a gardening hamper were also won.

Liz Jarvis, Senior Waste Manager at Devon County Council, said: "We are delighted by the number of people who have pledged to compost or recycle their kitchen or garden waste.

"At least 30 per cent of the contents of an average household bin can be composted, so composting is the most effective way to reduce waste and help the planet.

"Composting at home over 12 months can reduce carbon emissions equivalent to that produced by a kettle in a year or a washing machine over three months.

"It may also save money by not buying shop bought compost."

Households 'bombarded' with council info packs

EAST Devon District Council has apologized for any inconvenience caused after almost 3,000 households were 'bombarded' with recycling information.

The council is about to introduce major changes to its household waste and recycling collection service.

As a result, EDDC is holding roadshows and is also informing residents in other ways, including letters.

A resident of Jubilee Lodge in Seaton, who did not wish to be named, claimed that all households there (about 50 in total) have received not one, but three envelopes with information about the new recycling service.

The resident also claimed that other households nearby were also 'bombarded' with three envelopes each.

Pulman's View contacted EDDC, and a spokesperson said: "We are aware that some properties have received triplicate copies of the same letter informing them about new recycling and waste service changes and we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

"We have sent out a total of 51,000 letters to households in East Devon and just under 3,000 addresses were affected.

"The error was due to an issue with our address database.

"Although every effort has been made to ensure the data is correct and the contents of our mailings are accurate, some small data errors have occurred.

"We are here to help and would ask any residents who are unsure about the contents of the letter to contact us on 01395 571 515.

"Households will receive a further more detailed leaflet in mid to late May with a collections calendar.

"We have corrected the data issue so that the affected households will only receive one copy."

The changes to the waste and recycling service will come into effect on June 12th.

Number of people using Crimestoppers on the rise

THE number of people in Devon and Cornwall who contacted Crimestoppers over the past year has increased by more than 25 per cent.

The independent charity runs a UK contact centre, staffed by professionals, which guarantees that all callers (or those who use the non-traceable online form) remain 100 per cent anonymous.

Last year the total number of pieces of information about crime in Devon and Cornwall received by Crimestoppers rose from 2,197 to 2,984.

The largest share of information relates to drug offences and trafficking.

There was also a rise in the number of people using the non-traceable online form.

Last year the charity received 1,147 contacts online and 993 verbally, compared to 848 and 851 respectively in the previous year.

Chairman of Devon and Cornwall Crimestoppers Mike Fowkes said: "This is a fantastic result for Crimestoppers in Devon and Cornwall.

"As an independent charity, we play a vital role in helping to make our communities safer. Those who, for whatever reason, feel uncomfortable talking to the police can speak up about crime whilst remaining totally anonymous.

"These figures show that more and more people are turning to Crimestoppers, especially online, to help tackle crime in our communities."

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Local care homes pick up award

RESIDENTS and their families have rated care provider Doveleigh Care Ltd, as one of the top 20 small care home groups in the UK.

There are nearly 19,000 care homes in the UK and the top 20 small care home groups receive an award from the leading reviews at carehome.co.uk by residents, their friends and relatives.

Doveleigh Care Ltd. operates three care homes locally, Dove Court in Seaton, Doveridge in Colyton, and Arcot House in Sidmouth. The homes are listed among the top three in the Devon area on carehome.co.uk and each of them has also received a top 20 care homes in the South West of England award.

Davina Ludlow, director of carehome.co.uk, said: "Care home groups, which put compassion, dignity and kindness at the heart of their care, are making a huge difference to residents' lives.

"Doveleigh Care Ltd. has proved that it provides a high standard of care throughout its homes and we'd like to congratulate it on being a top small care home group! We feel it is a real achievement to be recognised for being in the top 20 small care home groups in the UK."

Doveleigh Care Ltd's reviews can be viewed online at http://bit.ly/2qlTir5

Review website carehome.co.uk lists all registered UK care homes, helping people to search for the right care home for them.

The Top 20 Care Home Awards 2017 are based on more than 45,000 reviews received from residents and their family and friends between July 2015 and 31 March 2017. The homes were rated on overall standard, facilities, care/support, cleanliness, treated with dignity, food and drink, staff, activities, management, safety/security, rooms and value for money.

Fire crews tackle blaze on lorry trailers

FIREFIGHTERS tackled a blaze involving four lorry trailers, being used for storage, at Lower Wadden, Southleigh, near Colyton.

They were called at 3.05pm on Tuesday, May 9th and a spokesperson for the fire and rescue service said: "One fire engine from Colyton and one from Seaton were sent to a report of a lorry on fire.

"Crews requested further assistance. Another fire engine from Sidmouth and a water bowser from Danes Castle were also sent."

If you have a story for Colyton, call Francesca on 01297 446154

School pupils see success in Formula One competition

■ **THE successful Year 12 team, made up of Eliane Round, Charlie Kendall, Ian Wu, Anthony Ford, Jake Lewis and Alex Agnew. Below, Colyton Grammar's Year 9 team**

TWO teams from Colyton Grammar School were successful in the F1 In Schools Challenge Regional Finals, held at South Devon University Technical College.

The competition requires students to fundraise for, design and build a model F1 car, which must then be presented to a panel of judges and raced against competing cars from around the world.

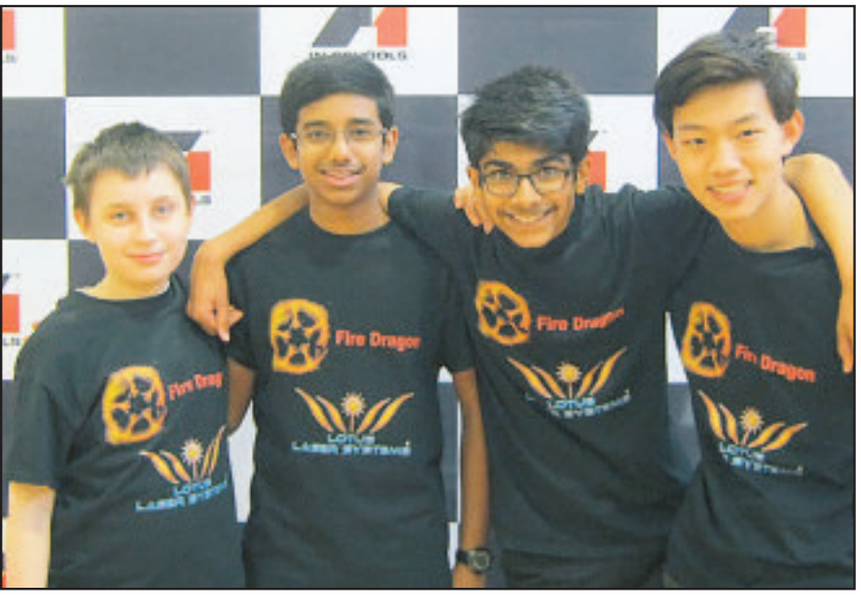
The six-man Year 12 team, named 'Hawk Racing' and captained by Eliane Round of Axminster, finished in third place in the Professional Class, with a time of 1.45 seconds on the track.

The four-man Year 9 team, 'Fire Dragon', captained by Abhijit Bhaskharan from Exeter, finished in third place in the Development Class, and additionally received the Best Presentation award.

Eliane praised her team's "excellent work," adding: "The whole team is looking forward to the next round."

Hawk Racing will now progress to the national finals at Silverstone, where a top performance would secure a place at the World Finals next August.

By student reporter Edmund Kelly



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Honiton gets 'hands-on' with Festival of Imagination

Peter Hodges
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HONITON's Festival of Imagination was once again a huge success as both children and adults in the town enjoyed all things 'imaginative'.

Children and residents enjoyed workshops and talks on the first day of the festival, with representatives from the Institute of Physics and the Met Office just a few of the bodies on show.

Day two of the festival was attended by more than 250 adults and children who enjoyed a variety of hands-on activities, pop-up performance, more talks and storytelling.

The Festival of Imagination lived up to its name in that the imagination of both children and adults were entertained and stimulated by a wide variety of engaging activities and presentations.

Festival organisers said: "We would like to thank all workshop leaders, speakers, activity leaders and performers for giving their time and energy in planning and delivering such engaging presentations.

"We are also grateful for the support we have had from the Beehive, from Honiton Library and from local shops who took part in the 'Time-seeking' challenge."

The winners of Time-seeking' were Josh and Tommy Griffiths and Amber and Willow Walker; and the winner of the photographic competition was Willow Ryerson.

■ **UPPER LEFT: – Josh and Tommy Griffiths were winners in the 'Time Seeking' Challenge**
■ **LOWER LEFT: Youngsters from Honiton enjoyed the hands on activities at the festival**
■ **TOP: The Creation Station ran a workshop where children were able to make paper clocks**
■ **ABOVE: Willow Ryerson won the festival's photographic competition**

New president for Catenians

AXMINSTER CATENIANS : At the recent AGM, held at the Lordleaze Hotel near Chard, David Gale was pleased to hand over the presidency to Bruce Kahn.

Bruce said: "I am very much looking forward to my two years as president, and I hope to increase our range of events open to the members of local parishes; our membership comes from East Devon, West Dorset and South Somerset."

Bruce who lives in Yawl, near Uplyme , has worked at TOMY Toys for the past 15 years in the Exeter office and is now the company's IT manager.

He has been a leader for the 1st Lyme Valley Scouts for seven years.

He is also an active rower, being a member of Lyme Regis Gig Club.

AXE VALLEY CENTRE | NATIONAL TRUST: The Axe Valley Centre of the National Trust enjoyed an interesting talk by Dr Sam Bridgewater from Clinton Devon Estates on the East Devon Pebblebed Heaths and the Otter Valley.

He spoke about the many rare plants and creatures and archaeological sites on Woodbury Common, and the flooding problems on the River Otter as well as the plans to deal with this.

COLYTON & DISTRICT GARDEN SOCIETY: The annual plant sale and coffee morning is on Saturday May 27th. Held at Colyton Town Hall, it will be open from 9.30am until 12 noon.

Entry is 50p to include a cup of coffee or tea. All donations are very welcome – please bring them to the hall on Friday, May 26th from 6-7pm.

Axminster's Probus Club celebrates 40th anniversary

AXMINSTER PROBUS CLUB: A Probus Club for retired and semi-retired professional and business men was formed by the town's Rotary Club in The George Hotel, Axminster in May 1977.

Twenty-two founder members agreed the format for their monthly meetings – coffee, a business session, a speaker and an optional lunch – with occasional outings and restaurant meals in the company of partners to increase the fellowship.

Forty years on the format remains basically the same with a current membership of around 30.

To celebrate the anniversary a special luncheon was held on May 2nd at Lakeview Manor, Dunkeswell when this year's president of Axminster Rotary, John Foulkes (himself a Probus member), congratulated the club on its achievement and wished it well for the future.

The club has always attracted members from communities surrounding the town and emphasised this recently by amending its title to 'Axminster & District Probus Club'. It has now taken this one stage further by choosing a new venue at Cricket St Thomas Golf Club on the A30 east of Chard.

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 10am for 10.30 am.

Prospective members are always welcome. For further information ring 01460 220528.

THORNCOMBE RAIL ACTIVITIES CLUB: The April meeting welcomed Alan Wild to talk about the railways around Bournemouth.

Alan grew up in Bournemouth and took an early interest in railways having a career with the Great Western at Swindon, but he always retained his interest in the railways in the Bournemouth area.

In a well-illustrated talk Alan told us of the history of the railways in the area. The first lines did not approach Bournemouth as it was just open heath in the early 19th century and the connection from Southampton to Dorchester travelled via Ringwood, Wimborne and Wareham, with a branch to Hamworthy, which was the then station for Poole.

As Bournemouth developed new lines approached it from east and west, but initially, as the town fathers did not want railways in their new town, there was no connection. It was only later that a connection was made to today's main line.

Using a wide range of mainly coloured photos of trains, we visited all the lines in the area and most of the stations. The Southern region used special head-codes to denote the route of the train and Alan's encyclopaedic knowledge of which particular service we were seeing considerably increased the interest of the talk.

Alan showed a series of interesting shots of the complicated (by history) lines around the Broadstone area. What had been the main line to Dorchester gradually decayed into a single line little used, except on summer Saturdays.

The pictures of greatest historic interest were colour shots of trains in Bournemouth Central station taken, probably, in 1937 when colour film first became generally available in this country.

Beautifully clean, green Southern locos headed the trains waiting to depart to Waterloo in those far off times.

The next meeting of TRAC will be on Wednesday, May 17th at 7.30 pm, when Ian Bennett will talk on Smaller Railways of Britain.

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We're leaving - make the best of it

I REFER to the letter by Richard David headlined 'A choice between democracy or dictatorship' printed in the May 2nd edition of your newspaper, which was, I consider the most negative, depressing, and factually incorrect piece of writing I have ever encountered.

Clearly the writer does not understand the term 'democracy'; whether he likes it or not the majority, by vote, people of this country voted to leave the EU regardless of how underhand he may feel about the process. Had the position been reversed, I doubt his letter would have been written.

He is clearly a Europhile, with little regard for his own country and is perfectly happy for us to be governed by an autocratic organisation over which we have no control.

The Council of Ministers is an unelected, unaccountable, undemocratic body who are, to all intents and purposes, omnipotent, who are supported by a largely supine European Parliament, which is perfectly happy to go along with most things as long as they can continue to draw their salaries and expenses, live high on the hog and look forward to a pension only a few can dream about.

In a true democracy, the party asking for permission to govern the country presents its manifesto and if elected must largely stick to their promises. If they "fall short", they can be removed by the democratic process of elections.

This is not true of the EU, the Council of Ministers can govern without fear as it is impossible to reject their laws and they cannot be democratically voted out.

Again Mr David has the temerity to suggest that Brexit is the cause of the division between Scotland and England. It is not such thing, and is a thoroughly disingenuous statement.

As long ago as the Sixties the SNP were demanding separation and control over the so called 'Scottish Oil' – Brexit is just something else they have latched onto to achieve their ultimate goal.

For Mr David to suggest that Dr Liam Fox has achieved nothing is ridiculous. Under EU laws, he is not allowed to negotiate trade deals until we have left the EU.

He has however, set up a framework of strong relationships and understandings with a number of counties outside of the EU, who have agreed that they would be ready and willing to sign trade deals with the UK as and when we leave the EU.

The 'European Coal and Steel Community' was founded in 1951 and was the vehicle for Monett to declare his dream of a "United States of Europe, which the people of Europe must be led into without them realising what was happening". That they, the EU, follow this instruction almost to the letter, is, without doubt.

There has been a huge rise of populist parties right across Europe – why does Mr David think they have risen to such prominence?

Could it be that the European people are tired of the lack of democracy and accountability from a failing and crumbling organisation, which when it is disobeyed or challenged can only retaliate with threats and insults.

History has shown that when those governing do not listen to those governed and do not give them the opportunity to voice their opinion in an election, then the system is eventually brought to its knees, often by civil disobedience and sometimes by civil war.

I love my country and I am a democrat, I was given a democratic choice and I chose to leave – Democracy in Action.

Please do not imply that those who chose to leave are either stupid or didn't know what they were doing or were somehow conned.

As a businessman, who is currently in the process of establishing a large manufacturing facility within the UK I shall be glad to see the back of the 'dead hand' of the EU and its interfering and restrictive rules and regulations.

Had we voted to remain the factory would not have been built in the UK or the EU and the 600+ jobs would have gone abroad.

These permanent jobs will enjoy the same current protection and will all be paid above the current minimum wage structures.

Get used to the idea, we are leaving the EU, try to make the best of it.

T. BROWN,
via email

Claire's 'proper concern'

CLAIRE Wright's candidacy for East Devon's parliamentary seat offers an opportunity for those who don't count food banks as a mark of economic success, who regard the loss of over 200 teachers in Devon as a diminution of local educational provision, who believe that the loss of half our community hospital beds puts further pressure on an already overstretched NHS, who know full well that social care is dangerously inadequate, who have noticed the increasingly potholed roads and who are dismayed at the widespread abuse of the public sector in general.

Tory psycho-babble (A 'Success Regime' that fails, 'Fairer Funding' that isn't, 'Strong and Stable' government which is anything but etc,) clings to the belief that lies told often enough eventually get believed.

Local services are crashing about our ears, while the Government staggers deeper into the mire of Brexit, an enterprise entirely of its own creation, currently undergoing rebranding as the defining ambition of 'The British People' (whoever they are) to distract from more immediately relevant anxieties.

Claire Wright's record at Devon County Council demonstrates a proper concern for the daily lives of East Devonians – in health, education, social care and the environment.

Sir Hugo Swire is not a nasty man, but he does belong to an increasingly Nasty Party, and his ineffectual record in East Devon does not merit another term as our representative at Westminster.

CHRIS WAKEFIELD,
Ottery St Mary

THROUGH the pages of your newspaper I would like to thank the residents of the Whimple and Blackdown ward for making the effort to go out and cast their vote on Thursday May 4th.

I will now be part of a strong team that always put the residents first when making decisions at County Hall.

This ward is a very large area to represent and I will work to the best of my ability to serve the whole community from Whimple across to the borders of Somerset and all the parishes in between.

IAIN CHUBB,
Devon County Councillor,
Whimple and Blackdown Division

I WOULD like to thank all those people who turned out to vote in the Devon County council elections on May 4th, and particularly the large majority of them that elected me to be their representative at County Hall for the next four years, where I will do my utmost to act in the best interests of all residents in Feniton, Gittisham, Buckerell and Honiton.

I very much look forward to the challenges that will come my way during this time, and hope to satisfactorily resolve as many of them as I can, within the defined role of a county councillor.

PHIL TWISS,
Devon County Councillor,
Feniton and Honiton Division

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Seaton in Bloom 2017 Competition

Seaton Town Council is calling on all gardeners to enter this year's Seaton in Bloom competition. There are six different classes for individuals, groups and businesses to enter and the lucky winners will be announced at a special presentation evening on September 8th 2017.

The classes are:

- Best small front garden (5m x 5m)
- Best medium front garden (5m x 10m)
- Best large front garden (10m x 10m)
- Best communal residential area
- Best allotment site
- Best business display

Winners will each receive a certificate to mark their success with a trophy also being awarded to the first place achievers.

Mayor Councillor Jack Rowland said "I hope as many people as possible will take part in this competition. It costs nothing to enter and will help to promote the beauty of our town. Walking around Seaton there are some beautiful gardens to be seen and so the competition could be very keen indeed."

Entry forms are available from the Town Council offices at the Marshlands Centre, Harbour Road, Seaton EX12 2LT or please telephone 01297 21388 or email: admin@seaton.gov.uk. The closing date for entries is 31st July 2017. Judging will take place on 7th August 2017. Winners presentation at the Marshlands Centre will be at 6.30pm on 8th September 2017.

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New skatepark mural vandalised

■ DAMAGED: The mural on Thursday morning

A MURAL in the skatepark next to the jurassic centre car park was vandalised only hours after being installed.

The mural was part of an art project undertaken by Seaton Town Development Team and Seaton Town Council, involving locals and schoolchildren to brighten up the area.

The damage was discovered on Thursday, May 11th and town development team member Karin Frewin said: "The mural had two boards.

"One has been taken off the railings by using saws and what appears to be a professional 'hole cutting' tool, which was used as the holding bolts could not be unscrewed easily.

"The board was used as a ramp and now has tyre marks across it and two breaks in it.

"It was originally installed two and a half years ago but was vandalised and thus taken down.

"It was restored this year and reinstalled yesterday (Wed) but sadly vandalised overnight.

"It's real shame that a few people seem to have destroyed a project which involved many members of the local community, including school children, who gave their time to put it together for the benefit of others."

Anyone with information is asked to contact police.

Work about to start on Seaton Beach Management Plan

CONTRACTOR CH2M will commence work on the Seaton Beach Management Plan (BMP) in this month, with a view to complete it this year.

The objective of the BMP involves longer-term policies for flood and coastal erosion risk management from Axmouth Harbour to Seaton Hole, and the the long-term sustainability of the harbour for fishing and recreation.

CH2M are coastal flooding experts who have already produced more than 20 BMPs for across the South West of England, including Exmouth and, most recently, Sidmouth.

East Devon District Council (EDDC) is the lead authority, and the brief for the project was agreed with statutory consultees including the Environment Agency and Natural England, as well as with local community groups with an interest in the beach including the town council, yacht club, fishermen and other community groups.

EDDC chief executive and Axmouth harbour master Mark Williams said: "We're pleased to be able to appoint CH2M's Exeter-based team to develop the BMP, which will consider the future management of coastal flooding and erosion along Seaton seafront.

"The study presents a number of challenges as well as opportunities to improve Seaton's defences and to enhance the seafront. CH2M's Exeter-based team has an excellent track record of developing BMPs with local communities to address these needs."

The project, which is split into six main stages, will involve:

- Project initiation and planning
- Collation of available data
- An assessment of the existing coastal processes, flood and erosion risks, as well as the condition of existing sea defences and the environmental setting
- The establishment of baselines for defences, coastal processes, environment and economics
- The consideration of future options for the management of coastal flooding and erosion risks
- Advising on the actions that will need to be taken over the next five years to implement those options and to manage the beach

Dr Jonathan Rogers, CH2M Coastal Team Leader UK, said: "We are delighted to have been awarded the contract for Seaton's Beach Management Plan, and we look forward to working in partnership with East Devon and the local community."

The BMP is separate to Seaton Town Council's seafront masterplan, which focuses on regeneration and drawing beach users into the town centre to boost the business climate.

More than 350 run Beer Blazer

MORE than 350 runners gathered for Beer C of E Primary School's annual fundraiser, Beer Blazer, on May 7th.

Organisers were very pleased as the weather was nice and the school raised £2,700.

Runners could choose from distances of 10k, 5k and 1 mile, and class teacher and race organiser Christina Squire said: "The Blazer is now in its sixth year and has been named 'the hardest 10k around,' by one of this years' runners.

"A small committee of parents and teachers at the school volunteered their time help to rganise Beer Blazer as it raises vital funds for the school.

"We would like to say an enormous thank you to Katherine Reed, without her guidance the event would not have succeeded in the way it did."

A lot of people offered their time and land to help with the event, and Ms Squire added: "We would also like to say a special thank you to every single marshal and volunteer (Axe Valley Runners, Beer Coastguard and John Hughes) who turned out to support us, without whom this event could not have run. Lastly, an enormous thank you to landowners Pecorama, Clinton Devon Estates, Rick and Becky Dormer, Robert Reed and Ian Westlake.

"This year we hope to put the £2,700 raised from the race entries and the bouncy castle towards additional intervention spaces, allowing our growing school additional areas to work in smaller groups."

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NEW SEASON OPENING AT SEATON MUSEUM

THE Axe Valley Heritage Museum belongs to that group of small museums which can be regarded as a small town phenomenon; the gathering together of the local history of a community in a predominantly parochial way.

Next year will see the 31st celebration of the Association. It all seems a long time ago when I met with Roy Chapple, Normal Whinfrey and Edna Everitt on a November night in 1985 to form the steering committee, with the brief to open a museum in Seaton.

Since that date a virtual torrent of material has been gathered by a small voluntary group of local enthusiast. We have overcome early difficulties, such a storage and display, and we improve on our displays every year,

Museums and not heritage centers are the primary vehicles for housing and preserving the nations heritage. In the Seaton and Axe Valley Museum we have great experience in the art of collecting, conserving, maintaining an inventory, is playing and interpreting the vast wealth of local artifacts we have acquired. We are a long way from perfection but the next five years will see many improvements. Many of our visitors over the past years make enquiries; for curiosity is a human impulse from which springs the concept of museums. We are indeed fortunate that curiosity has also been the hallmark of our stewards. The majority of these voluntary helpers are people who visit the museum. What would we do without them? Much praise must go to the stewards, for they do a splendid job. We are indeed fortunate in having such enthusiastic and friendly stewards; the success of the museum does depend on them; they are the front-line team. Time and time again our museum visitors enter thanks to these valuable people, in the visitors book.

Jeff Taylor is the coordinator of the stewards and he has done a great job in the 2016 Season in keeping the museum manned.

Unfortunately many of our loyal other stewards have had to resign and we really do need the help of more volunteers in the coming year, if you can help please contact Jeff Taylor in the Sweet Heaven, Fore Street.

▲ SEATON FOOTBALL TEAM 1924. Easter Monday, documented they beat Axminster 5-3.

▲ AXMOUTH HARBOUR, SEATON 1925. The long, narrow building was once an old warehouse. Before the coming of the railway, Axmouth Harbour was very busy and a place of no mean importance, but by the time of this photograph it had become a quiet back-water. The Stedcombe Estate sold the harbour to Axminster RDC in 1967, ownership passing to East Devon District Council in 1974.

Invitation to the opening ceremony for the

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The Kingfisher Inn

THE greedy march of chain pubs with their soul-less interiors, cheap beer, loud customers and microwave meals has done more to ruin the old English inn than Hitler's Luftwaffe achieved, but thankfully a few proper old taverns still exist – and The Kingfisher in Colyton is among the best of them.

The visitor looking for an unspoilt, traditional Devon pub where the hospitality is hearty need look no further than this 16th Century inn, easily found in the centre of the town. It's exactly like an old pub should be – traditional roasts on Sundays, meat raffles in the bar every Saturday, CAMRA-rated honest local ales, a beautiful beer garden and a rare place where you can still play skittles, darts and crib.

The Kingfisher is also the friendly home to great British pub grub – fish and chips that are said to be the best in the area, steak and kidney pie, chicken and leek pie, whitebait, stuffed mushrooms, baked salmon, sirloin steak, scampi, egg and chips and raspberry and apple pie are among the choices that are all freshly-homemade and come in large portions.

It is a popular spot with walkers and rave reviews of the welcome at The Kingfisher have come from as far as California. Typical is the thumbs-up from a recent visitor from Birmingham, who wrote: 'It's been a long time since we enjoyed a simple, well-cooked pub meal and this pub does the job. We had scampi, chips, peas and salad and ham, egg, chips and peas and our meals were thoroughly enjoyable. The food was well presented – no attempts to be a gastropub or anything fancy, just good, wholesome pub grub. We cleared our plates and we just wish that this pub was our local! We will definitely be back.'

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Customer satisfaction is key to Cathryn's success. Cathryn is passionate about creating works of art for special occasions, renowned for irresistibly pretty and elegant designs that enthrall the taste buds and enchant the eye.

Cathryn caters for people with Allergies to Dairy, Gluten, Wheat and also Diabetic's.

Icing Occasions was a Regional Finalist for The Wedding Industry Awards 2015.

The Colyton shop also stocks a vast range of cake decorating equipment, and hires out cake stands and tins for budding bakers. There is also a baking book "library", from which customers will be able to borrow baking books for a donation to Cathryn's chosen charity, the Hughes Syndrome Foundation.

Cathryn is keen to get the local community as involved as possible and opens up her kitchen for children's "bake-off" birthday parties, an after school club and sugar craft and modeling workshops. Cathryn is also keen to involve local groups such as the WI and schools.

The shop is currently open 3pm to 8pm Monday to Friday, 7am to 4pm on Saturdays and by appointment on Sundays.

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ENGLISH CIVIL WAR EVENT

THE famous Taunton Garrison Living History Group will return to Devon's 'most rebellious town' to recreate the turbulent times of the English Civil War. The scene is summer 1644 and the historic conflict between Roundheads and Cavaliers has been raging since 1642.

The country was deeply divided between Royalists and Parliamentarians. Locally, the Poles of Colcombe Abbey were Royalist supporters, while the Erles of Stedcombe in Axmouth were of the Parliamentarian persuasion.

Prince Maurice had marched westward from Beaminster to Colyton and fixed his HQ at Colcombe Abbey, which he garrisoned for King Charles. Colcombe proved a most useful base for the Royalists; ideally situated for launching nuisance raids and harassing tactics against the dangerously close Parliamentarian stronghold Stedcombe House. Prince Maurice promptly attacked Stedcombe, taking prisoners and capturing arms, a cannon, a good store of ammunition and one seditious lecturer! Finally razing Stedcombe to the ground. Shortly thereafter, Sir Walter Erle lost no time in retaliating by launching a night-time raid against the Royalists at Colcombe. The surprise attack was so effective, his forces entirely dispersed Prince Maurice's garrison, seized much plunder and burnt Colcombe Abbey to the ground.

Against a backdrop of rampaging opposing forces, Colyton suffered continual pillaging and plundering. Shops broken up, cloth carried away, cottages looted, livestock stolen, reveling and general disorderly conduct. "Enough!" cried the good folk of Colyton – we imagine the townsfolk rose up in protest, arming themselves the best they could and took up defensive positions upon news of returning troops.

The Taunton Garrison represent the good folk of Colyton, who organised themselves to defend their property against unruly Royalist and Parliamentarian troops as they chased each other through the town and valley in tit for tat raids. The action swirls around the town, from Church Green, through Market Place and down narrow windy streets to the barricade.

As well as the fun and excitement of action and special effects as the Taunton Garrison man the barricades, there will also be a Living History Camp which will provide an authentic experience of life in 1644. Groups of costumed characters including Prince Maurice of the Rhine, Sir Walter Erle, Lt Col Greenvile and Capt Pyne to name but a few, will provide historic entertainment.

Town crier Derek Wenn will open the colourful country market at 10.30am, followed by a full day of entertainment, action scenes, music and dancing. There will be barricade scenes in the morning and afternoon, followed by a Drum Head Service in St Andrew's Church to bring the day to a peaceful close.

There will be no parking in town centre – please use special car parks at £1 per car.

The event is free and organised by volunteers from the Promote Colyton Group, which will be hosting its last social meeting before the big event on Thursday, May 18th, at which all those interested in taking part are welcome to attend. The meeting will be held from 7pm to 8pm on the Sunday School Building at St Andrew's Church.

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CHRISTOPHER R. WAY BA, Msc, AIA, ICPA, Dip.Bus, Principal Director of Colyton's CRW Accountants Ltd, commenced his practice in Branscombe 30 years ago and moved to Colyton in 1989.

Q. Why did you move your Firm to Colyton?
A. I discovered Colyton on a cycle ride and after several more visits by cycle I experienced a sense of real community and co-operation within the community here and decided to move my business here in 1989.

Q. How many people work at the Firm?
A. Our full capacity is six and we also have built up a solid network of consultants and other professional contacts whose experience we can draw upon to benefit our clients.

Q. Where are your Clients based?
A. Throughout the South-West with a majority within 30 miles of Colyton, although we do have some Global Clients.

Q. What is your Firm's ethos?
A. We aim to take full responsibility for our Clients work assignments and provide a "no worry" professional service at reasonable costs on a personal basis.

Q. What are the long term plans for the Firm?
A. We have an established team here and I am supported by my Firm's Taxation Director and, also Co-owner, Hayley Perham together with our Accounting Services Director Aggie Jarych who plan to continue to provide service in the future.

Q. Can you provide some illustrative Client types?
A. We provide services to all sorts of owner-managed businesses (pubs, shops, farms, builders, developers, consultants and advisors), whether they are sole tradership, partnerships or Limited Companies as well as private Tax Clients. We also offer a full range of other support services including payroll, VAT, Book keeping, auto enrolment and digital services.

Q. How do you work out how much to charge Clients?
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Q. Why should people use your Firm?
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Q. How should people contact you?
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Saturday, May 20th
Colyton Mighty Bed Race

Race around the town starts at Colyton Town Hall at 1pm followed by a live band and bar in the evening, in aid of Nunsford Nutters Carnival Club.

Bank Holiday Monday, May 29th
Colyton Vintage Tractor Run

Hundreds of tractors will assembled at Colyton Peace Memorial playing field from 10am before their run around East Devon.

June to September
Heraldic Banners of Colyton

A colourful display of 36 heraldic banners fluttering from buildings in the Market Place and around the town, representing families and guilds of historic importance within the Parish of Colyton.

Saturday, June 10th
English Civil War 1644: A Day in the Life of Colyton Townsfolk

A costumed event featuring the famous Taunton Garrison. Cavaliers, roundheads and townsfolk all star in this community event featuring a living history camp, market stalls, food and drink, and entertainment from 10am to 4pm.

Wednesday, August 9th
Southleigh Fayre & Country Market

A traditional country fayre set in a picturesque village, including sheep racing, carriage rides, fun family dog show, tug o' war, home made produce and crafts, tea and beer tent, 2pm to 5pm at Lees Farm, Southeligh EX24 6SA

September 2nd to 9th
Colyton Carnival Week

Events all week including Petticoat Lane-style market and illuminated grand procession on Saturday 9th.

Saturday, September 30th
Colyford Goose Fayre

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CHILDREN are very perceptive. Even if they don't appear to be affected by what's going on around them, they'll know if something isn't quite right.

It's better to be honest and explain that someone has died rather than trying to cover it up.

Your child needs to know that's it's OK to be sad, and you can help by naming the way she's feeling. For example, if she's crying, you could say, 'I know you're sad that Granny died. I'm really sad too, and that's what's making us cry.'

Here are other ways your child might react after losing a loved one...

Your child might become angry: Children often become angry when they're grieving. They think the death is unfair and may be full of rage at their loved one for leaving them. They might even blame themselves, for example, 'Did Daddy die because I was naughty?'

Make sure your child knows that anger is normal, but that the person who died loved her very much and would have stayed if they could.

Her reaction to being bereaved might confuse you: There's no textbook way for kids to express their grief, and their response can be confusing. One minute, they might be in tears, then the next, playing contentedly.

Try to remember that your child isn't being cold or unfeeling. Let her talk when she wants to talk, be quiet when she wants to be quiet, and play and laugh when she feels ready.

Your child might be obsessed with details of the death: Your child might also show what seems to be an unhealthy interest in the details of the death. This could include questions about what happens to the body when a person is buried or cremated.

Answering her honestly but without scaring her with graphic detail will help her make sense of what's happening. If you're lost for words, the bereavement charities listed below can help.

You'll also need to let other important people in your child's life, such as their nursery keyworker or teacher, know what's happening so they can also support her.

Preparing for a loss

Sometimes, a bereavement is expected, for example if a family member is very elderly or terminally ill.

How you prepare your child will depend on the relationship she has with the person who's dying.

It'll be different if it's a distant relative who she rarely sees rather than her beloved grandad who lives nearby, But either way, you should still let her know what's happening.

She'll hear you talking about the person who's dying, and is likely to see you or other family members upset, so it's important to explain what's happening. If she's left in the dark, she might end up feeling more distressed and frightened than she was before.

The hardest loss to prepare for is that of a parent or sibling.

Brace yourself for lots of questions, and always take the time to answer in an honest and age-appropriate way.

Above all, it's vital to make sure your child knows she's not responsible, and there's nothing she could have done to stop her loved one dying.

Helping your child when you're struggling yourself: If you're having a hard time coming to terms with your bereavement, you may feel you're not emotionally strong enough to help your child.

Although kids find it distressing to see their parents upset, they also need to understand that it's OK to cry. So don't worry if you can't mask your feelings.

Be prepared to ask for help from friends and family. Your child might be worried about upsetting you by talking to you, and may feel more able to open up to a trusted adult.

Sharing memories: Experts agree that one of the most positive things you can do to help your child with a loss is to share memories of the person who's died.

This will help her to see that the bonds remain long after their loved one has gone, and that no one can take away the times they shared.

Memory boxes, which can be filled with special treasures like photos, letters and drawings, can encourage children to look back on the happy times. They'll be able to return to their box for comfort again and again.

Other good ways to remember the person who's died are looking at photos and watching videos with your child, or going to special places that you used to visit together.

But be guided by your child, and let her set the pace. She may not be ready to talk about her loved one straight away.

Getting expert help: As well as going through lots of different emotions, your child might show physical signs of grief such as bedwetting, clinginess, nightmares or tummy aches.

Your GP or health visitor can help with these, and can also put you in touch with children's counselling services to help her process her emotions.

If you feel she needs extra support, the GP may refer her to the local Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) to see an expert such as a child psychologist.

There are also several charities dedicated to helping bereaved families:

- Winston's Wish
- The Child Bereavement Charity
- Grief Encounter Project

These all have a range of different ways to support you and your child, from helplines to counselling services to recommended reading lists.

Has your child experienced a bereavement? How did you help her? We have a dedicated forum in our Coffeehouse for families coping with bereavement.

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GRIEF AND LOSS:

MOST people grieve when they lose something or someone important to them. Grieving for the loss can feel unbearable, and it may often feel that you are alone.

How does grief make you feel? - The way grief affects you will be unique to you and depends on many things, such as the nature of the loss, your age, your relationships, and your health.

You can react in many ways to a loss. For many people grief consists of several combined emotions, anxiety and helplessness often come first. Anger is common, and is seen as a natural part of the grieving process, and you shouldn't feel guilty about it then sadness, which for many comes much later.

Being aware that these emotions are common can help you to accept them. It is very important to know that they will pass. Everyone is unique some people take a lot longer than others to adjust and it is important to recognise that while many may understand they do not know what you are feeling or going through, only you do.

Dealing with the emotions - Grief requires a period of adjustment, there is no right or wrong time to adjust, be patient.

If you find that after time you are not moving on, eighteen months or longer after a major loss, there are some practical things you can do to help get through the loss:

Talking is often a good way to soothe painful emotions. Talking to a friend, family member, health professional or therapist can help you begin the healing process.

Give your self permission and allow yourself to feel sad. It's a healthy part of the grieving process.

Sleep, the lack of proper rest can make you very tired. If you're having trouble sleeping, Hypnotherapy can help.

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What can I do to cope with my feelings after losing my loved one?

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GRIEF can make you feel many different things. It's important to remember that these feelings are not bad or wrong. They are a normal part of bereavement, and there are no quick answers to how you might be feeling.

Coping with fear: Feeling fearful and anxious is natural – your familiar world has been turned upside down. You may feel that you have little control over your life, your thoughts and emotions. This is likely to make you feel vulnerable and afraid. But as you get used to coping, in time, you will begin to feel more capable of dealing with your changed circumstances.

Something that might help: *If you are feeling overwhelmed by fearful thoughts or anxiety, it could help to talk to someone about how you are feeling.*

Coping with emptiness and depression: Feelings of depression and emptiness can hit you when the reality of the death begins to sink in. Although it may feel almost unbearable at the time, this seems to be a period when some inner healing takes place. Afterwards, people say they feel lighter, more in control of their lives and better able to look forward.

Sadness is a natural response to bereavement, but some people may become depressed. You don't have to try to cope on your own and help is available if you are struggling with depression.

Something that might help: *You can see your doctor for help and advice. Remember that you can phone Samaritans, day or night, on 08457 90 90 90.*

Coping with anger: You may feel anger at the injustice of your loss, or at the lack of understanding in others. You might be angry at yourself and at the person who died, who has left you feeling abandoned, frightened and alone. These feelings are normal.

Something that might help: *Don't bottle up your feelings – try to think about the reasons for your anger. Talking about your feelings with someone who isn't emotionally involved in your loss can help.*

Coping with guilt: Some people experience feelings of guilt when someone dies. You may find yourself wondering if you could have done more to help, or feeling guilty about something you said or didn't say to them when they were alive.

Something that might help: *Guilt is a natural emotion after bereavement, but it's important not to dwell on things in the past that you can't change. Try not to be too hard on yourself or anyone else.*

Coping with loneliness: You may feel as though the person who died has left a big hole in your life, and this can leave you feeling lonely, especially if you spent a lot of your time with them.

Something that might help: *Make the most of every opportunity to spend time with other people, keep in touch with friends and family, have a holiday or volunteer to help out with a good cause.*

I'm finding it hard to cope as I feel so tired and drained

You may find that you experience physical changes after bereavement. These can include:

- Difficulty getting to sleep
- Vivid dreams
- Long periods of wakefulness
- Loss of appetite
- Feeling tense and short of breath, or edgy and restless
- Feeling slow and lethargic

You're likely to feel exhausted, especially if you were caring for the person who died or if you went through an anxious time before their death. Strong emotions and dealing with all the practical things that need to be done after a death can also leave you tired and drained.

Something that might help: *Take extra care of yourself – try to eat well and get some rest even if you can't sleep. Take gentle exercise if you can. Don't try to do too much while you're grieving.*

ROSIE CRANE TRUST

THE ROSIE Crane Trust was set up in 2006 to support bereaved parents through their grief after the loss of a son or daughter of any age.

We offer the following services:

- 24hr Listening Ear Helpline with trained, volunteer bereaved parents answering the phone to other be reaved parents who need someone to talk to.
- Regular pre-arranged calls to bereaved parents to provide continuing support.
- Monthly drop in centres, on the first Saturday in the month at South Street Centre, 20 South Street, Yeovil, Somerset, BA20 1QE, and on the third Saturday in the month at The Lawns, Mary Street, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 3PE, where bereaved parents can meet informally and talk to others who have similar experi ences to them in a friendly, safe, confidential environment. From 10.30 – 12.30.
- A befriending service.
- Subsidised counselling may also be considered for those in financial difficulties.

We have found from experience that parents find immense value in being able to talk to people who can really understand and empathise with them and what they have been through. Discovering you are not alone in your thoughts, feelings, hopes and fears can be a huge relief after such a devastating loss.

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HONITON Town Football Club step up into a new league this summer after making history by winning the Macron Devon & Exeter League Premier Division title.

It is a remarkable achievement for a club that had no money and faced extinction just nine years ago. But since 2008, thanks to tremendous progress on the field and extraordinary efforts behind the scenes, the Hippos' fortunes have been transformed and they now look forward to an exciting new season in the lofty realms of the South West Peninsula League.

Fans have the mouth-watering prospect of some blockbuster local derby fixtures at Mountbatten Park later this year, with the visits of Axminster Town, Sidmouth Town and Budleigh Salterton certain to draw big crowds.

One man who has played a big part in the club's revival, working quietly behind the scenes, is Alan Mackay, Honiton Town's chairman, treasurer and secretary.

He is also secretary and treasurer of the Mountbatten Park Sports and Social Club, the over-arching organisation that looks after the facilities, home to three senior football teams, a burgeoning youth football section and Honiton Cricket Club.

Alan, who is an IT manager at the Met Office in Exeter, has been involved at Mountbatten Park since 2008.

It has, he says, been "quite a journey".

"When I started they had no money and they were going under. I took over as treasurer and sorted out the finances."

Alan has re-booted things by promoting the club's facilities to the wider community. Now, during the week, hundreds of people make use of the clubhouse, for flower arranging courses, playing bridge, learning French, discussing art and studying history.

Mountbatten is now Honiton's "user-friendly club", he says.

And he is quick to pay tribute to the people who have helped make the transformation complete.

Among them are groundsman and linesman John Connett, Dave Linley and Pete Farmer. And Alan's wife, Tish, who "manages the managers", works alongside her husband, cleaning the changing rooms and serving drinks on match days. More recently, Roger Doble has joined to help the football teams, becoming vice-chairman.

It has been a massive team effort.

On the field, the club's three teams are all thriving. First team manager Kev Blackwell has guided the Hippos into new territory this season after a third-place finish last term.

Meanwhile, second team manager John Lewis has masterminded four promotions and ensured that there is always competition for places in the firsts. And Andrew Pike runs the third team, hoping to attract the talented youngsters who are coming through the ranks from the club's youth section.

First team boss Blackwell says: "It is unbelievable, in some ways, the progress we have made. It is down to the players. Their commitment has been tremendous. They've all got on board and have joined in.

"Now we hope the youngsters coming through the Honiton youth section will want to be involved. We have to demonstrate to them that the senior section is not a big scary place but contains a great bunch of lads who will welcome, respect and accept them when they get their chance to play in the team."

Blackwell reveals that, despite everything he and the players have achieved, he is yet to properly celebrate this season's title triumph.

"My over-riding feeling has been of relief that we did it," he says. "I tried to keep the pressure off the players throughout the season and urged them to relax and play their football.

"But I did feel under pressure myself. We were winning most of the time so when we dropped a point some fans would want to know what had 'gone wrong'!"

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"It may seem a little bit strange but I celebrated more last season, when we fell just short of promotion, than I have done so far this time.

"The expectation grew and grew as we got closer to winning the division, so it was a relief to get over the line. The players showed great strength of character. They lost only one game all season long. That is a tremendous achievement.

"People have worked so hard off the pitch too. Tish and Alan have been invaluable with their support, and Nick Ogden (assistant manager) has helped keep me sane and keep the dressing room positive. It has been a brilliant team effort."

■ HAPPY HIPPOS: Honiton Town celebrate their final day victory that clinched the title. Left: club captain Darren Witt and team skipper Joe Dixon. Right: first team manager Kev Blackwell

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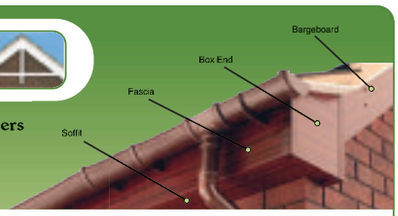

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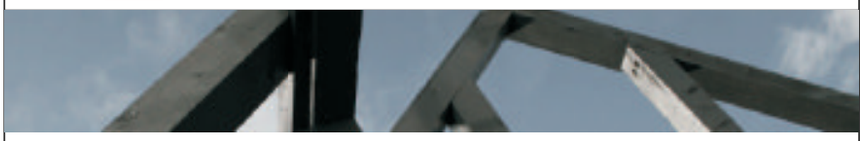

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Quintessence of jazz

MODERN JAZZ at its scintillating best is on the menu at Ilminster Arts Centre on Friday, May 26th, served up by a quintet of musicians who are at the absolute top of their game.

The stellar line-up features Simon Spillett on saxophone, Henry Lowther on trumpet and Dave Newton on piano, plus the other members of the Dave Newton Trio.

Simon Spillett is an award winning saxophonist who was described by the late Humphrey Lyttelton as "formidable". His most recent award was the Services to British Jazz Award in the 2016 British Jazz Awards. He has worked with Sir John Dankworth, Stan Tracey, and Peter King among others and his appearances across the UK have included sold-out gigs at Ronnie Scott's and the Brecon Jazz Festival.

Henry Lowther is one of the UK's most cherished trumpeters, who has recorded and performed with luminaries such as Bing Crosby, Paul McCartney and Elton John. In the sixties Henry also worked on the rock scene with Manfred Mann and his work on the British jazz scene reads like a "Who's Who"; he has played regularly with, amongst others, John Dankwood, Graham Collier, Pete King, Stan Tracey and Kenny Wheeler.

Dave Newton is a multi-award winning jazz pianist. After graduating from Leeds College of Music in the early 80s he rapidly became a much sought after pianist, teaming up with Alan Barnes, guitarist Martin Taylor and saxophonist Don Weller and touring with Buddy De Franco. Newton's reputation as an exquisite accompanist for a singer grew in mid 90's and his work with 'vocal royalty' has included Carol Kidd, Marion Montgomery, Tina May, Annie Ross, Claire Martin and Stacey Kent.

The last time this quintet played at the Arts Centre there were musical fireworks so book early to ensure your seat at the display! Tickets are £18 (pre-show supper £14 at 7pm, booked in advance). To book please call the Box Office on 01460 54973 or visit the website at www.themeetinghouse.org.uk

■ Simon Spillett

Another busy month at the Beehive

THE AWARD-WINNING, Honiton Community Theatre Co. make a welcome return to the Beehive, and this time they are treating us to a staged concert of songs from your favourite West End and Broadway shows. "A Night at the Musicals" on May 19th and 20th. Featuring the company's best vocalists, (and there are some great ones!) this promises to be a really delightful, uplifting evening. There'll be numbers from some great classics like *Phantom of the Opera* and *Les Miserables* plus some hits from newer shows like Matilda and *Wicked*, and a little preview of *Hamilton*.

■ **A Night at the Musicals.** Photo by Lewis Law

The theatre company are going from strength to strength and it's fabulous that there is such a diverse age range all working together. There are 22 cast members in this show and they range from 9 to 60 years old, all offering a wonderful 'Night at The Musicals!'

Also from 10am-4pm on Saturday 20th do drop in, as the Beehive hosts the Honiton Health & Wellbeing day. Come along to learn about a whole range of health care issues and services in Honiton with a selection of stalls and talks throughout the day from various community groups, social services, the Hospital and surgery, plus the mental health team. This is also your chance to join the Honiton Posties and sign up for the "Couch to 5K challenge on dementia'- get those trainers on!

Top Irish folk guitarist

THE brilliant Irish guitarist John Doyle will play live at the Beehive on Friday, May 26th at 7.30pm.

John is much in demand in the studio and on the road, immensely talented and blessed with an acute ear, a wicked sense of rhythm, and seemingly endless stream of magic in his playing. Composing, performing and producing, he is establishing himself as one of the most versatile, creative and prolific voices in folk and traditional Irish music.

For more details on what's on at the Beehive, see the advert below.

Wurlitzer's double bill

TWO TALENTED organists were welcomed to Beer on Saturday, May 13th - Damon Willetts and Dorian Collins. Both of them are excellent musicians and totally passionate about all aspects of the world of theatre organs. Damon previously visited in 2015 and said "It's good to be back in Beer and having the opportunity to play again on the oldest Wurlitzer in the UK" but it was Dorian's first visit to Beer. The audience enjoyed a unique afternoon with both playing many medleys associated with organists who had been influential in their musical careers.

Damon started playing the piano when he was aged six and it was when he was 17 that he was offered the opportunity to play the Christie organ at the Majestic Cinema in Cradley Heath. He has been performing in concerts since 2002 and is the proud owner of a Compton pipe organ. Dorian was inspired by a visit to the Blackpool Tower Ballroom when he was 12 and now owns a Wurlitzer organ, a copy of the Tower Ballroom Wurlitzer which he built from a miscellany of Wurlitzer parts. He also extended his home to house this organ and recreated its elaborate setting in the Tower Ballroom.

The next show will be on Saturday, June 10th when the popular David Ivory with his lively musical programme will be returning to the Congregational Church, Fore Street, Beer, EX12 3JQ. Everyone is welcome - shows start at 2pm, admission is £7 on the door, children free, and includes interval refreshments. For further information phone 01297 24892 or visit www.beerwurlitzer.org.uk.

Dementia Action Alliance at this week's Crewkerne Farmers Market

THE MONTHLY Crewkerne Farmers Market is this coming Saturday, May 20th by The Henhayes Centre (TA18 8DA near Waitrose and The Aqua Centre), from 9am to 1pm.

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The Somerset Cheese Company is a longstanding member of Somerset Farmers Markets, offering a range of hard and semi-hard cheeses from all types of milk, including sheep, goat, buffalo and Channel Island milk. They will be entering cheeses at the Bath & West Cheese Awards. We wish them luck!

Bower Hinton Farm will have a range of fresh seasonal vegetables and we hope some of their early strawberries.

The market will also have Crewkerne Dementia Action Alliances joining as part of their 2017 Dementia Awareness Week activities.

Crewkerne Farmers Market organisers would like to thank the Town Council for the small grant they awarded which will help to keep the market operating. Also a big thank you to the loyal customers who have followed the market down to The Henhayes Centre, and to the new customers who have spotted the market on their way into Waitrose!

For Farmers Market dates across Somerset and details of all the producers visit www.somersetfarmersmarkets.co.uk .

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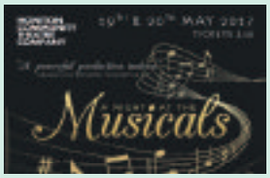

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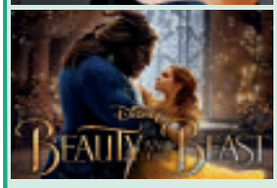

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WEDNESDAY MAY 17TH

SEATON: Jurassic Folk and Jam Club at Eyre Court, 2 Queen Street, 8-10.30pm. Music and song for all to enjoy. Free admission for musicians, singers and spectators. For more details call 01404 46451 or 549903, or visit www.jurassicfolkandjam.com

AXMINSTER: Learn To Cook Healthily with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families) 11am-1pm. Join us for a free hands-on course of six sessions, including help with meal planning, understanding food labelling, cooking hints and tips to help make your life easier as a carer. You'll even receive a free meal to take home! At the Masonic Hall, South Street, Axminster. To book a place, or for more information, call Ros on 01297 631782 or email admin@halff.org.uk.

CREWKERNE: Live music from Steve Knightley's 'Landlocked Tour' at St Bartholomew's Church. Doors 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets £18 available from Crewkerne Town Hall.

COLYTON: Colyton Link Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm in Colyton Town Hall. With entertainment, coffee/ tea and free raffle. Do please come and support your Link.

SEATON: Yoga with a chair 1.30 to 2.30 at the Gateway, Fore St. Yoga for EVERYbody £5 . All welcome. Contact Yvonne 01297 20326 or email waite@relaxatseaton.co.uk for more details

HONITON: Hospiscare AGM, 7pm. Kings House, Honiton. All welcome.

CREWKERNE: Bingo – Cash prizes – "eyes down" at 2.30pm. £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games.

CREWKERNE: Men's Shed Taster Session at Henhayes Centre. 10 – 12noon. Come along to see what is involved. Free tea or coffee.

COLYFORD: Biodanza, 7.15-9pm. 16+, men and women. £10 drop-ins, £7.50 block bookings. At Colyford Memorial Hall. For more details call 07787 752201 or visit www.joysofdance.co.uk

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CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 2 – 4.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try

AXMINSTER: Cancer Research UK Coffee Morning at The Bradshaw Room, The Heritage Centre, Axminster. From 9.30am - 12 noon. Cakes, clothes, bric a brac. Raffle. Contact Pam 01297 443476.

AXMINSTER: Axminster Horticultural Society meeting. Talk by Dennis Balsdon on 'Carnivorous Plants' at United Reformed Church Hall. 7pm. Free admission, donations welcome.

FRIDAY MAY 19TH

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

FENITON: Convert at St Andrews Church, Old Feniton from The Little Unsaid at 7.30pm. Tickets £8.50 in advance or £10 on the door. Includes drink and nibbles. Available by calling 01404 850124.

SEATON: Come and enjoy coffee/tes and a 3 Course lunch of soup * roll & dessert. Entrance free with donations invited (Suggested donation £5) at United Reformed Church Hall, Cross Street. Raising funds to support today's Refugees.

CREWKERNE: Special Lunch at Henhayes Centre – Roast Gammon / Lemon Ginger Crunch. Fruit juice starter, coffee and chocolate to finish. £8.00. Bar open 12noon lunch served at 12.30. Booking essential.

CREWKERNE: Annual meeting at Henhayes Centre, 2pm. Come to lunch first, stay for the AGM.

HONITON: Live music from The Lowest Pair at the Thelma Hulbert Gallery, 6pm. For more details visit www.thelmahulbert.com

SATURDAY MAY 20TH

CHARD: Chard based family carnival club ZEM CC Summer Sale at The Secret Garden Cafe, Holyrood Street. 9am-1pm. Any donations welcome, we can collect. For more details call 01460 62842 or visit the Facebook page.

AXMINSTER: Seichim Reiki Egyptian healing level one. 10-4pm. £55 Learn this ancient form of healing. No experience needed. Learn about your energy centres - the chakras. All beverages provided, please bring a packed lunch. Contact Margaret Marciniak to book your place or for more information on 07951402717 or 01297 32095.

MERRIOTT: Live music with "Hamstone" at Merriott Social Club, starts at 9pm until late, free entry and open to all.

LYME REGIS: Local crafts and collectables at the Baptist Church Hall, Silver Street. Free admission. From 10.30am. Well behaved dogs on leads welcome. Supporting FORCE cancer charity. For more details call 01297 445232.

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An afternoon of acoustic Americana

A SERIES OF weekly Saturday morning free 'Music in the Garden' events are to be held in the beautiful Courtyard Garden at the Old Courthouse, Church Street, Axminster.

The series will launch on Saturday, June 3rd at 11am by singer songwriter Anja Graefe. Anja will be followed at midday by Jack Humphries, who plays folk, country and blues.

■ Alan West, Steve Black and Adam Sweet

Acoustic trio Alan West, Steve Black and Adam Sweet will provide an afternoon of Americana from 1pm. There will be a licensed bar in the garden and BBQ food available from the Arts Café.

The full programme of the Music in the Garden events is printed here and comprises a cross-section of musical talents. These free events have become a highlight of the summer for many people and will take place each Saturday morning throughout the summer until September 23rd. Dogs on leads are welcome in the courtyard garden, where there is also plenty of space for cyclists' bikes.

Axminster Arts **Music 2017** in the Garden

Sat 3 Jun 11.00 – 3.00	**Live Music, BBQ food & Licensed Bar**	Sat 1 Jul 11.00	Sharon Lazibyrd - Original and thought-provoking Folk Songs
	Anja Graefe - Singer songwriter: Folk, Jazzy, Bluesy	Sat 8 Jul 11.00	Shiraz – Singer Songwriter Female Duo
	Jack Humphries – Folk Music with Country, Blues, Modern Vibe	Sat 15 Jul 11.00	Silver Chix - Ukelele and Guitar playing Female Duo
	Alan West, Steve Black and Adam Sweet - Americana	Sat 22 Jul 11.00	The Muzax – Classic Rock, Pop and Blues Soul Covers
Sat 10 Jun 11.00	Nine Pound Catfish Ragtime Blues, Hokum and Old Country Music	Sat 29 Jul 11.00 – 3.00	**Live Jazz Music, BBQ food & Licensed Bar**
Sat 17 Jun	No Event: Axe Vale Festival		Richard Llewelyn & Tony Roberts
Sat 24 Jun 11.00 – 3.00	**Midsummer Live Folk Music BBQ food & Licensed Bar**		Clive Smith and his Arcadia Jazz
	Rack and Ruin Folk Trio - Traditional and Original Folk Songs and Tunes	Sat 5 Aug 11.00	Jurassic Blue – Timeless Tunes and Songs from the 60s and 70s
	Sue King – Folk Music, Celtic & Contemporary Folk and Country Music	Sat 12 Aug 11.00	Julie Dunn – Jazz, Latin and Blues
	Webbly Iwizzle – Folk Dance Tunes on Melodeon	Sat 19 Aug 11.00	Black Coffee – Saxophone Jazz Quartet
	Uplyme Morris Men	Sat 26 Aug 11.00	HiDDeN – Four piece band: Blues Contemporary Folk & Popular
		Sat 2 Sep 11.00	Ricky Romain – Sitar Jugalbandhi Duets (indoor event)
		Sat 9 Sep 11.00	Stampita – Folk Songs and Tunes
		Sat 16 Sep 11.00	The Rock Section – Progressive Rock, Ska, and Reggae
		Sat 23 Sep 11.00	Fly Yeti Fly – Folk Duo of Originals, plus Covers

Free Admission — *All events are sponsored by Axminster Arts* — Timings are approximate

*Axminster Arts Café Courtyard Garden**
The Old Courthouse, Church Street EX13 5AQ
Telephone 01297 631455 www.axminster.org
**Inside the The Old Courthouse, if wet*

Axe Vale Hunt's clay pigeon shoot

IT'S BEEN a few years since the Axe Vale Hunt have hosted a clay shoot competition. On May 28th at Colcombe Abbey Farm there will be a chance for budding shooters to try their skill at hitting as many clays as possible.

The Sid Vale Gun Club will be setting a 40 bird English Sporting Layout off five stands. There will be a prize of £25 for the open high gun winner. Other classes will be for the Axe Vale hunt members, farmers, ladies and under 16s which will be supervised at all times.

Refreshments will be available including bacon rolls, hot dogs and burgers. Lovely home made cakes will be on offer too to have with your tea or coffee.

AVHSC CLAY PIGEON SHOOT SUNDAY 28TH MAY 10.30AM - 4PM

40 bird sporting at £10 per round
£25 to the open high gun winner
Various prizes for other classes including:
- AVH Member
- Farmers
- Ladies
- Under 16's

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE

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Another top trio of shows at The Gateway

THE Gateway welcomes back one of their all time favourites, the Detroit Soul Collective, made up of the finest session musicians, on Saturday, May 27th.

The nine piece band are based all over the UK, and the Detroit Soul Collective musicians come together to create one of the finest bands specialising in real soul music for real soul music fans. Expect to hear the hits of Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, The Temptations, McFadden & Whitehead, Lionel Ritchie, Luther Vandross, Curtis Mayfield, Michael Jackson, Jocelyn Brown, Martha Reeves and more.

The band consists of Vocalist Trevor Francis (as featured on *The Voice UK*), Vocalist Vicki Nash (*X Factor*), Darren Evans, Colin Peters, Pat King, Mick Vousden, Nick Dunham, Ernie Barnard and Chris Maddock

Get your dancing shoes on and get ready to party, doors open 7.30pm with Licensed Bar. Tickets £13 in adv available from The Gateway Box Office 01297 625699 open Mon-Fri 10am to 4pm and Sat 10am to 1pm, we accept card payments.

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JAMES Macdonald directs a new production of multi Tony and Pulitzer prize-winning playwright Edward Albee's landmark play *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* The performance will be transmitted live from the Harold Pinter Theatre as part of the NT Live season.

Starring Olivier and Bafta award-winning actress Imelda Staunton (*Gypsy*, *Sweeney Todd*, Edward Albee's *A Delicate Balance*); Olivier award-winner Conleth Hill (*Game Of Thrones*, *Stones In His Pockets*, *The Producers*); Olivier award-winner Luke Treadaway (*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, *Fortitude*, *The Hollow Crown*) and Imogen Poots, in her West End debut (*A Long Way Down*, *Jane Eyre*, *Me And Orson Wells*).

In the early hours of the morning on the campus of an American college, Martha, much to her husband George's displeasure, has invited the new professor Nick and his wife Honey to their home for some after-party drinks. As the alcohol flows and dawn approaches, the young couple are drawn into George and Martha's toxic games until the evening reaches its climax in a moment of devastating truth-telling.

Doors open 6.30pm, with the performance from 7pm. Tickets are £12.50 in advance or £15 on the door.

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TAKE THAT'S '*Wonderland*', captured live from the O2 Arena (London) broadcast, will be shown at the Gateway in June.

Celebrating the release of their eighth studio album *Wonderland*, Take That invite you to experience their highly anticipated 2017 concert live at your local cinema on Friday, June 16th.

For one night only, cinema audiences will be able to experience this show up close and personal, from the best seats in the house. For the first time ever, Gary, Mark and Howard will perform in the round at the O2 arena, giving fans a unique and unbeatable cinematic experience.

Walls of water, enormous holograms, circus performers, aerialists, a custom made flying machine and a huge ball of fire have all graced their stages and the *Wonderland Live* concert will be no less spectacular – get ready for it!

The UK's most loved and successful live act are known for their spectacular, colourful and imaginative shows. This year is no exception as Gary, Mark and Howard are performing in the round for the first time ever. Take That are sure to deliver a unique and unforgettable cinematic experience.

Doors open 7.30pm, performance from 8pm. Tickets are £10.

For more details or to book tickets to any of the performances visit www.seatongateway.co.uk or call 01297 625699.

Are you single and over 50?

S.P.A is a friendly well established social group with six branches across the southwest of England. The club's mandate is to provide a welcoming environment for people to make new friends and get more fun and laughter out of life. They do this by providing the opportunity for members to join in many interesting activities locally and across the South West. The groups welcomes and do have younger members, however, although some of the members become couples, the criteria for joining the S.P.A. is that you must be single.

The S.P.A. has been running for over 40 years and is a not-for-profit club. They do not have huge membership fees; and you are welcome to join any of the six branches across the South West; Exeter, Wells and Mendip, Bath/Wiltshire, Weston Super Mare, Taunton, and Yeovil.

Each S.P.A. Branch has a weekly friendly "Meet, Greet, Mix and Mingle Bar Night" so you can come along and meet and see if you would like to join the group. You never feel alone at the S.P.A. Every month each S.P.A. branch organises locally, and with other S.P.A branches, a wide range of activities and events to suit all tastes and pockets which you are welcome to participate in. These events include dances, music events, festivals, cycling, dining out, all kinds of walks, theatre/cinema trips, parties, BBQs, picnics, days out, weekends away, holidays and annual balls.

These events are advertised at the weekly Bar Nights and in the monthly newsletter. You choose what you would like to do. As a member you choose the activities that you wish to participate in. It is your choice, but we do encourage you to make the most of the varied agenda of activities that are held every month, as it is a great way to meet new people and make new friends.

There is always a friendly welcome at the S.P.A. and you will never be short of things to do, places to go and people to meet. Have a look at our website to find out more about the S.P.A. Social Groups in your area and contact details of our local representatives: https://www.spasinglesocialgroup.co.uk/

Or phone:07775897487: Or email: spasocialgroup@gmail.com for more information.

The Fairy Special and Dinosaur Tram Adventure return to Seaton Tramway!

EMBARK on a spellbinding trip as Seaton Tramway welcomes you aboard its brand new Fairy Tram Ride. Families and children are sure to enjoy this enchanted tram ride filled with music and stories of faraway lands. Stretch out your wings and brush up on your spells as the Fairy Godmother takes you on a magical journey to the Fairy Kingdom. Children will also receive a special fairy goody bag. Departing from Seaton: May 29th, every Friday in August, September 1st.

Fairy Fares: Adult £14.95, Child (3-15yrs) £12.95, Under 3s free.

Looking for adventure? Families and children will love this adventure filled tram ride with music, stories, fossil dig and dinosaur activity area at Colyton Station. Help Professor Percival the Palaeontologist uncover the secrets of a land that time forgot and fulfil a mission to make contact with some forgotten species. Children will also receive a dinosaur goody bag. Departing from Seaton: May 28th, July 23rd and 30th, every Sunday in August, plus Bank Holiday Monday.

Dinosaur Fares: Adult £14.95, Child (3-15yrs) £12.95, Under 3s free.

Book now either online at the website www.tram.co.uk or by calling 01297 20375.

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Friday 16th June
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Doors 6.30pm
Performance 7.00pm
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DETROIT SOUL COLLECTIVE
Sat 27th May
Doors 7.30pm
Tickets £13 adv
£16 on the door

BOX OFFICE 01297 625699

Seaton Town Hall, Fore Street, Seaton, EX12 2LD
www.seatongateway.co.uk

Diary Dates

SATURDAY MAY 20TH

ILMINSTER: Somerset Wildlife Trust Ilminster/ Chard group "Grand Plant Sale" 9.00am-12noon Market Hall, East St, Ilminster. Wide variety of plants as well as cakes & preserves for sale. Please donate good quality, lablelled plants, cakes & preserves, come along to support the event to make this fund-raiser a success. For more details call 01460 234551

SEATON: Carmina Burana by Carl Orff, Monteverdi and other music. Seaton Choral Society with Nichola Wilkes, Leslie Baker, David Fouracre, 2 pianos, timpani & percussion, Conducted by Ian Crew. The Gateway, Seaton, 7.30pm Tickets £10 (under 18s free) Tel: 01297 625699

CREWKERNE: Know your blood pressure at the Conservative Club, 10am-12noon

SIDMOUTH: Rivertones Harmony Chorus & Vicki Campbell at Manor Pavilion Theatre, Manor Road. Doors 7pm, concert 7.45pm. Tickets £10 from 01395 514413, open 10am-2pm.

MONDAY MAY 22ND

BEER: Beer Film Society screening 'Lion' at Streamers Restaurant. Doors 7pm for 7.30pm screening. Bar, raffle and ice cream. Members £3.50, non-members £5. All welcome.

MISTERTON: Bingo at Misterton Village Hall. Doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm.

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 7 – 9.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit at Henhayes Centre – 9.40 to 10.40am and 10.45 am to 11.45 am. £2 for members/ £3 for non- members. Transport available for second session, ring Centre to book.

TUESDAY MAY 23RD

SEATON: Cooking For One Demo with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families), 11am-1pm. Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking for one and covering nutritional advice for type 2 diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and modified diets (eg puree/fork mashable). New venue The Marshlands Centre, Harbour Road, Seaton, EX12 2LT. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Laura on 01297 631782 for more information or email laura@halff.org.uk.

COLYFORD: Bingo - Cash Prizes. In aid of Seaton Friends Hospiscare@Home. Doors open 7pm - Eyes Down 7.45pm. Colyford Memorial Hall. Ample free parking.

CREWKERNE: Computer Drop-in at Henhayes Centre – Questions answered and help provided. 10.00 am to 12 noon, £2/£3.

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £2.50 incl coffee per session. For people 50+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged (£3.00) and members usually stay for a cooked lunch priced at £6.50 including tea or coffee. Please call 01460 74340 for further details.

CREWKERNE: Henhayes Knitters at Henhayes Centre. Come and enjoy a knit and natter afternoon and make items for yourself or for sale at the Centre. 2 - 4pm.

WEDNESDAY MAY 24TH

COLYFORD: Biodanza, 7.15-9pm. 16+, men and women. £10 drop-ins, £7.50 block bookings. At Colyford Memorial Hall. For more details call 07787 752201 or visit www.joysofdance.co.uk

CREWKERNE: Bingo – Cash prizes – "eyes down" at 2.30pm. £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games.

THURSDAY MAY 25TH

CHARD: Chard Camera Club will be attending an outside event yet to be arranged. Details can be found on the clubs website www.chardcameraclub.org.uk nearer to the date. Further details on the club can be obtained by ringing the clubs membership secretary Mrs Joyce Partridge on 01460 66885.

AXMINSTER: Music at the Minster: Lunchtime concert. Colyton Grammar School, Senior Choir. At the Minster, 12.30pm. Lunch at 1.05pm. For more details call 01297 32927. Donations towards the upkeep of the church.

COLYTON: Historical Walking Tours of Colyton. Every Thursday until September 28th at 2pm. Meet at the Dolphin Street Car park. Booking not necessary. £3 for adults, under 16s Free. To arrange a walk for a larger group please phone 01297 552514

DUNKESWELL: Living with Breathlessness and low energy. Dunkeswell Village Hall 2.00 - 4.00 pm. A talk by Mandy Campbell, Senior Physiotherapist at St Margaret's Hospice. Discover how simple breathing techniques and tips can make breathing control easy again when living with life limiting illnesses and conditions. If worry or fear of breathlessness is affecting your everyday life, or if fatigue is stopping you from doing the things you want to do, make sure you come to this meeting. It could help change your life. Tea/coffee biscuits. Raffle. All proceeds from meeting will go to St Margaret's Hospice. Please call 01404 891707 for further details.

CREWKERNE: English Folk Dance. St Bartholomew's Church Hall, Abbey Street, 8-1pm Every Thursday. £3.50. First visit free. For more details call 01460 77320 or 01460 75760.

COLYTON: Vile Ministers and Poor Silly Creatures'. Mr Bruce Upton from Bridport Museum will entertain us with a light hearted talk and slide presentation based on local incidents in the West Country during the English Civil War. Admission Free - All Welcome. 7.30pm in St Andrew's Church, Colyton. Organised by Promote Colyton Group.

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre – 10.00am to 11.00am. £2.50 for members/ £3.50 for non-members

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit at Henhayes Centre – 10.30 am to 11.45 am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non- members.

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 2 – 4.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try

FRIDAY MAY 26TH

SEATON: Free Cooking Demonstrations For Heart & Diabetes with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). 10.30-12.30. Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking and covering nutritional advice for people with, or at risk of, type 2 diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. New venue The Marshlands Centre, Harbour Road, Seaton, EX12 2LT. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Chat, learn, eat. Call Hannah on 01297 631782 for more information, email hannah@halff.org.uk or go to www.halff.org.uk.

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

TATWORTH: Film: 'Lion' (cert PG) at Tatworth Memorial Hall. Doors 7.15pm, film 8pm. Organised by T&F Movies. For more details call 01460 220339.

AXMINSTER: By The Loom: A fun craft morning with spinning and weaving 10am - 1pm Axminster Heritage Centre, The Bradshaw Meeting Room, Thomas Whitty House, Silver Street, Axminster, Devon, EX13 5AH

SATURDAY MAY 27TH

LYME REGIS: Local crafts and collectables at the Baptist Church Hall, Silver Street. Free admission. From 10.30am. Well behaved dogs on leads welcome. Supporting FORCE cancer charity. For more details call 01297 445232.

BOLSHAYNE, NEAR COLYTON: Meadow in Midsummer, Bolshayne, Enjoy the orchids and other summer wildflowers of the glorious hay meadow at Bolshayne, with botanists Phil Wilson and Marian Reed. Legacy to Landscape project event. 2pm – 4pm, Bolshayne Farm, Southleigh Road, EX24 6RX. All ages welcome and events are free and no booking required. 01404 310012

CREWKERNE: Play Bowls Day at Crewkerne Bowls Club. Come and have a go. Everything supplied, just wear flat shoes. We are situated off West Street car park. Refreshments available, bar will be open. More details can be obtained from Kay Mankin 01460 241383

CREWKERNE: Breakfast/Brunch at Henhayes Centre. 10am – 12noon. Last order 11.30am. Basic Breakfast £4.00, extras available at 50p each. Everyone welcome. No need to pre-book.

OTTERY ST MARY: Ottery St Mary Community Market at The Institute, Yonder Street, 9.30am-12.30pm. Free admission. Lots of local crafts and produce created and grown by local people. Meet, chat and enjoy some refreshments.

SATURDAY MAY 27TH - MONDAY MAY 29TH

CHAFFCOMBE: Flower Festival at St Michael and All Angels, Chaffcombe. 10.30am-5pm Sat and Mon, 12-5pm Sun. Coffee/ tea and light lunches each day in the Village Hall. Saturday 2-4pm running of the Water Wheel. Meet at the Church for a guided walk (2-3miles) 2.30pm. Sunday 2.30-4.30pm Climb the Church Tower. 5.30pm Hymns with Pimms in the Church. Monday 12-4pm Table Top Sale (call Mary 01460 64592 to book a table) & Tombola. 2-4pm Fun Dog Show (Call 01460 261970 for details) enter on the day. 2-4 Running of the Water Wheel. 6.30pm Survivors supper, bring and share in the Pound or the Village Hall depending on weather. Lots of other events over the weekend

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Friday 26th May at 8.00pm
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A call to art

ILMINSTER Arts Centre is inviting artists to submit work for one of Somerset's most keenly anticipated artistic events, the annual Ilminster Open Exhibition 2017.

The competition, which is sponsored by Branston of Seavington, is open to amateur and professional artists, with entries invited in the following media - paintings, original prints, drawings, sculpture and ceramics (but not photography).

The deadline for entries is Friday, July 21st and selected artworks will be displayed at Ilminster Arts Centre from August 7th - September 1st.

The competition carries a total prize pot of £850, including a 3D award and a "Visitors' Choice" award, in addition to the coveted 1st prize and joint 2nd prizes. Prizewinning artists also win the opportunity to take part in a special prizewinners' exhibition at the Arts Centre in 2018.

The winning artist of last year's competition, Jane Burden says, "Winning the 2016 Ilminster Open was a fantastic experience and a real vote of confidence for my work - particularly as my entry was an unusual wall hung textile and ceramic piece. The Ilminster Open is a wonderful opportunity for artists to show their work to a wide audience and benefit from one of their generous prizes - I'm very glad I entered my work and would thoroughly recommend doing so to other artists!"

The Ilminster Open is noted for the high standard of work that it attracts, and is a powerful measure of the artistic talent in the region. Exhibition organiser Ann Palmer says, "We are very grateful to Branston for their continued support of this event and look forward to seeing what new discoveries this year's entries bring."

Entry forms can be picked up from the Arts Centre or downloaded from their website (www.themeetinghouse.org.uk).

Choral society is living dangerously!

THREE highly respected soloists will embark on perilous vocal journeys at Seaton's Gateway on Saturday, May 20th.

Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana* makes some fearsome demands on the singers intrepid enough to undertake the solo roles. The tenor, has to adopt the persona of a swan and sing some stratospherically high-lying music while being roasted alive, while both soprano and baritone are asked to express romantic passion alternately loudly and quietly on an assortment of high and low notes, having apparently recently emerged from a tavern. Lying in wait to comment is the chorus in the form of Seaton Choral Society and some students from Colyton Grammar School. Orff gives them plenty of exciting music to sing, which they will need to do with confidence and determination, as there will be competition from two pianos, timpani and percussion, all of whom will no doubt hugely enjoy themselves performing the exuberant accompaniment.

The three soloists will be Nicola Wilkes (soprano), Leslie Baker (tenor) and David Fouracre (baritone), the pianists David House and Judy Martin; the performance conducted by Seaton Choral Society's new Director of Music, Ian Crew.

The concert starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 (under 18s free) from The Gateway Box Office, Tel: 01297 625699

Wille and the Bandits ride into town

WILLE and The Bandits, break off from their European tour, to return to the South West to headline the Lyme Regis Jazz & Blues Weekend finale on Sunday, May 28th at the Marine Theatre.

With extensive touring, with the likes of Deep Purple, Status Quo and Joe Bonamassa, Wille and The Bandits have slowly but surely built a strong reputation beyond their Cornish roots.

As a hard-working three-piece, Wille's Bandits are too wild and experimental to be musically pigeon-holed. Stylistically crossing Cream with Jimi Hendrix, they've just released their third album, Steal, which delivers old school blues rock with a vibrant twist.

Just consider the number of instruments which they usually take on stage – with Wille's slide acoustic and lap slide guitars and a Weissenborn, Mathew Brooks with a six-string and five-string electric double bass and Andy Naumann on drums, djembe and congas.

"It stems from playing in Cornwall in barns and jamming with lots of instruments", says Wille Edwards. "Flying to gigs is a nightmare with the amount of stuff we have. Sometimes I wish we were a ukulele band".

So, how would they describe their music? "It's rootsy, bluesy and rocky – we straddle genres. We give marketing people headaches because they like to be able to pigeon-hole music but we've never wanted to stick with one genre".

They are, in other words, unique. But from this musical melting pot comes some of the most exciting, funkiest "blues" around - which is best experienced live. It is not surprising then that they were voted one of the top ten must-see bands at Glastonbury by Radio 1.

To prove this very point they recorded their latest album, Steal, on old school analogue tape, played as one take, to reproduce the sound of their live performances.

Supporting Wille is local bluesman, Adam Sweet, whose blues-influenced solo career, perfectly marries fine guitar picking with soulful vocals and increasingly accomplished song-writing.

Wille And The Bandits, play at Lyme Regis Jazz & Blues Weekend on Sunday, May 28th at 8pm. Tickets are availale by calling 01297 442138 or online at www.lymeregisjazzfestival.co.uk.

■ Wille and the Bandits

Rivertones in harmony at Manor Pavilion

THE amazing Rivertones Harmony Chorus from Taunton will be making a welcome return to the Manor Pavilion Theatre, Sidmouth on Saturday, May 20th. This superb, 40-strong acapella (unaccompanied singing) harmony chorus will be performing popular and traditional songs. The concert also stars the multi-talented, local songbird Vicki Campbell, who will be singing a delightful selection of her favourite songs from stage shows and films.

The concert starts at 7.45 pm (Doors open at 7.00 pm) and tickets at £10 each are on sale from the Theatre Box Office (01395 514413) in Manor Road, EX10 8RP from 10 am – 2 pm, Monday to Saturday. This Sidmouth Lions Club promoted concert is in aid of SnackPack, the local charity for children with diabetes, plus the Lions Club's charity and community service activities.

The ever popular Vicki Campbell has performed in numerous successful stage productions and concerts at Manor Pavilion Theatre; also in the Sidholme Music Room and further afield. Her singing is truly enchanting and she has become a star attraction in many of Sidmouth Lions Club's charity concerts.

The Rivertones first performed here at the Manor Pavilion Theatre, in a Lions charity concert, in 2007. Since then, this all-male Harmony Chorus has received much acclaim and attracted many new members. Its aim is is to encourage the enjoyment of singing through a continuous high quality educational Barbershop singing programme. Barbershop music features a balanced and symmetrical form and the basic song and its harmonisation are embellished by the arranger to provide support of the song's theme and to close the song effectively. Artistic singing in the Barbershop style exhibits a fullness or expansion of sound, precise intonation, a high degree of vocal skill and a high level of unity and consistency within the ensemble. Ideally, these elements are natural, unmanufactured and free from apparent effort. The Rivertones, who are led by Chorus Director Peter Gover, are leading exponents of the harmony chorus genre.

■ Rivertones

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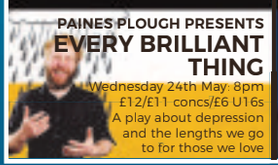
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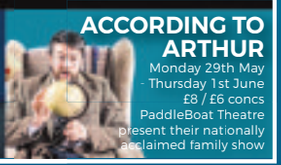
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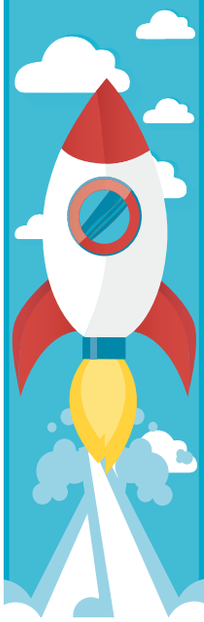

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Hilary Maxwell, Chair of GO Girls said "We were delighted to be at the event to spur the team on – there were many runners, but the Symonds & Sampson team stood out – to us they were all winners – their support to both us and Mosaic has been incredible –a real demonstration of what businesses can do to support local causes. GO Girls! are working so hard to help support women affected by gynae cancers – ovarian cancer having some of the lowest of all survival rates – and we are determined to give women as much support as we can."

Mark Lewis Head of Agency added "We are immensely proud of the team that entered and knowing that our runners were there to support two such worthy causes was a great motivator".

The 10K course wound from the coach station in Bridport and back again. Jeremy Smith, Residential Partner of the Symonds & Sampson Beaminster office and one of Sunday's runners said: "There were some tricky hills that we had perhaps not anticipated, so I think we felt duly challenged".

Teresa Wolff, Vice Chair of GO Girls expressed her thanks to the team stating "It was worth the early Sunday morning start – we are immensely grateful to the runners, there was a great atmosphere and it just goes to show how communities can get together to support worthy causes and get fit at the same time."

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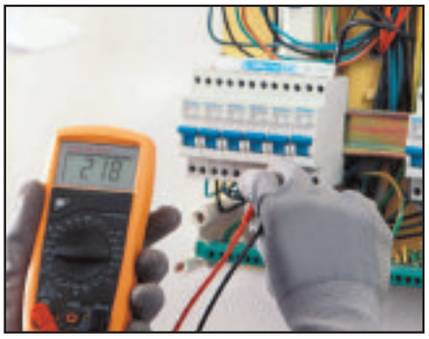

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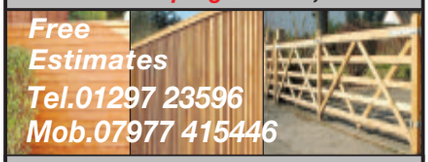

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SEAT announces UK pricing and specification for new Ateca FR

UNVEILED this week at the Automobile Barcelona show, SEAT UK is now whetting British customers' appetites with details of specifications and pricing for the sporty FR addition to its Ateca SUV range.

SEAT's first SUV has already proved a huge hit, both with UK media and in the marketplace, its sales performance since launch last September helping the brand soar to record heights. The new FR will extend its appeal further with an injection of the sporty style and performance that are at the heart of the Barcelona-based brand.

There is a choice of four powerful and efficient engines – two petrol and two diesel, all of them turbocharged. Entry point is the 1.4 Eco TSI 150 PS, available with six-speed manual or DSG-auto transmission. Well worthy of the FR badge, it takes Ateca from rest to 62 mph in just 8.5 seconds and achieve a 125 mph top speed (manual version). Conversely, its official combined fuel economy and emissions figures are impressive at 52.3 mpg and 123 g/km. The brand new 2.0 TSI 190 PS, debuting in Ateca, is offered exclusively with 4Drive all-wheel drive and DSG transmission. Its statistics are 40.4 mpg combined fuel economy and 0-62mph in only 7.9 seconds.

The 2.0 TDI 150 PS also comes with 4Drive for added traction, posting benchmarks of 0-62 mph in nine seconds exactly and 122 mph maximum, with 55.4 mpg average fuel economy and CO2 emissions at 129 g/km.

Topping out the powertrain options is the 2.0 TDI 190 PS with 4Drive and seven-speed DSG transmission. It harnesses that horsepower to carve a second off the 0-62mph sprint (7.5 seconds), with top speed rising to 132 mph. Being a SEAT engine, maybe it's no surprise that it has only a modest thirst for fuel – an official 53.3 mpg average, with CO2 at 135 g/km.

The new SEAT Ateca FR will be available to order from 3 July 2017, with first deliveries to UK customers expected from October.

On-the-road prices are as follows: -

1.4 Eco TSI 150 PS (manual) - £24,960
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First close-up pictures of the ŠKODA KAROQ: Expressive design for the new compact SUV

SHORTLY before its world premiere, the Czech car manufacturer provides a first look at the new compact SUV ŠKODA KAROQ. ŠKODA's new, emotive and dynamic SUV design language is easily recognisable. The ŠKODA KAROQ has a striking character and features crystalline elements that demonstrate power and robustness as well as elegance. The larger dimensions significantly enhance the ride comfort for the occupants and add to the boot's capacity.

The new ŠKODA KAROQ's emotive and dynamic design with numerous crystalline elements is a true representation of the new ŠKODA design language. The front section captivates with a striking, three-dimensional design. The radiator grille, framed by a chrome trim, has vertical double slats and creates the trapezoidal cross section that is typical of ŠKODA SUVs.

The design of the headlights is inspired by the rich traditions of Bohemian glass art. The crystalline cut of the full-LED headlights and the eight light strips that make up the 'eyelashes' create a unique lighting pattern. The large ŠKODA logo takes pride of place on the bonnet.

LED technology is also used for the tail lights. The tail lighting with LED technology includes the rear lights, brake lights and fog lights. The design concept also features narrow, raked tail lights, the outer segment of which is embedded in the side frames, while the inner segment is integrated into the tailgate. The tail lights form the ŠKODA-typical 'C' shape.

The compact SUV is 4,382 mm long, 1,841 mm wide and 1,605 mm high. The long wheelbase measuring 2,638 mm (all-wheel-drive version: 2,630 mm) gives the ŠKODA KAROQ a comfortable stance on the road and provides an indication of the generously proportioned interior.

The ŠKODA brand represents an exceptional overall package. The new ŠKODA KAROQ is no exception. The boot has a capacity of 521 l with the rear seats in place. This increases to 1,630 l with the rear seats folded down. In combination with the optional VarioFlex rear seats, the boot space is variable and can hold between 479 and 588 l.

The VarioFlex system consists of three separate rear seats, that can be adjusted and completely removed individually – giving the SUV a van-like maximum loading capacity of 1,810 l.

The interior exhibits newly designed dashboard divided into a tall upper and narrow lower section – a separation that is particularly noticeable in the large decorative areas on the passenger side. The door trims continue this design approach.

Bold vertical elements influence the ŠKODA KAROQ's design. The four large air vents sit vertically, and the middle two flank the in-car monitor. The LED ambient lighting is a further highlight in the generously sized interior. Ultra-slim lighting strips are located on the upper edge of the four door trims and continue around the dashboard. The driver can control the brightness of the illumination, which can be set to one of ten different colours.

As part of the ŠKODA 2025 future strategy, the brand will be rigorously pushing the expansion of its model range in the coming years. The focus will be on expanding the SUV portfolio in particular. With the launch of the ŠKODA KODIAQ, a new large SUV was introduced to the international markets only recently. With the introduction of the ŠKODA KAROQ, the company is now setting the next milestone. The new compact SUV will be celebrating its world premiere on 18 May in Stockholm. Its market launch will follow in the second half of 2017.

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The new BMW 4 Series range

THE BMW 4 Series success story dates back to the launch of the original BMW 4 Series Coupé in June 2013. Since its debut, BMW has delivered nearly 400,000 units of the 4 Series to customers all over the world. The biggest single market, racking up approximately a third of all BMW 4 Series sales, is the USA, followed by Great Britain and Germany. About half of all BMW 4 Series models are sold in Europe. The Gran Coupé accounts for some 50 per cent of global BMW 4 Series sales, while the Coupé and Convertible make up around 25 per cent each.

Now in 2017 these three models have been substantially refreshed. Styling cues borrowed from the spectacular BMW Concept 4 Series Coupé in 2012 are clearly visible in the design of the new BMW 4 Series, with the new models including elements such as a large air intake with eye-catching bars and LED headlights and rear lights. But it is not just the styling that has been enhanced, the chassis has been updated too. All three models now have a lower centre of gravity courtesy of a wider track, revised suspension and improved traction control capabilities.

A true sports car profile

The restyled front end of the BMW 4 Series expresses the model range's dynamic personality to great effect whether it be in SE, Sport or M Sport guise. Crisp contours alternate with expansive surfaces to create a broad contoured appearance. The defining feature at the front of the new BMW 4 Series is an unbroken central air intake with an aperture that increases in size towards the outer edges, adding a more imposing presence and greater sense of width to the entire nose section. On the Sport version, the air intake is almost entirely bordered by an eye-catching, high-gloss black bar that is designed to accentuate the vehicle's wide, powerful stance.

The BMW 4 Series Coupé, BMW 4 Series Convertible and BMW 4 Series Gran Coupé are now equipped with new twin LED headlights as standard. The headlights are composed of a familiar silhouette: flat-bottomed headlight tubes encircled by daytime running light rings, along with a dynamic cropped look, produced by the characteristic 'eyebrow' design. The tubes' dark-coloured holders give the interior of the headlight assemblies a clear, cool, but technical, look. LED front fog lamps also form part of the standard specification.

All models in the new BMW 4 Series are optionally available with new Icon Adaptive LED headlights, whose highly expressive light arrangement intensifies the front end's dynamic and technically advanced appearance. The headlight units are cropped off slightly at the top by the LED indicators that form the headlights' 'eyebrows'. This has the effect of making the light arrangement seem wider still, which in turn gives the impression of an even more powerful stance on the road.

The rear of the BMW 4 Series has a low, sporty look that follows the lead of the front-end styling, with the bold horizontal lines and elongated design of the rear light clusters helping to make the muscular wheel arches stand out (the widest point of the BMW 4 Series body is at the rear wheels). Meanwhile, the new rear apron has been designed to further accentuate the general impression of power.

The redesigned rear lights give the new BMW 4 Series a fresh and technically sophisticated appearance from the rear. The characteristic L-shaped styling theme for the lights has been retained, but in a reinterpreted form. The LED lights are no longer divided into individual light strips, with a sweeping curve in the outer section of the light assemblies giving them a perfectly homogenous look.

The BMW 4 Series range is available to order now with and OTR prices starting from £33,555.

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Morris strike secures cup for Upottery

Farway await league decision after dead heat - Finals ahead for Seaton, Upottery, Popples and Lyme Regis

THE Devon & Exeter League Division Two champions LAPFORD wound up their domestic programme with a crushing 6-0 victory against third place CHAGFORD.

Top scorer Mark Tucker and Dom Stapleton both scored twice, with Ben Tucker and Dan Tucker completing the victory. It also means Lapford only conceded six goals at home all season.

Chagford clinched third place earlier in the week with a 2-1 success at the UNIVERSITY 3RDS, with HEAVITREE RES moving up into fourth place after they demolished the same University side 7-1.

Three more cup finals were settled this week. UPOTTERY RES won the Geary cup 1-0 against EXMOUTH SPARTANS at Budleigh Salterton, with Brad Morris getting the only goal. This too was a first appearance by either side.

PERRY STREET who only joined the D & E League this season added the Somerset Senior cup to their trophy cabinet after defeating Coleford Athletic 3-1 at Street. Tom Perry had all three goals for Street - this was the first time they have ever won their County trophy.

SIDMOUTH TOWN 3RDS were 4-1 winners against KENTISBEARE RES in the Golesworthy cup final at Ottery. Two Connor Murphy penalties, Jimmy Pearce and a third penalty from Freddie King won the cup for the Vikings some 69 years after they last appeared in the final. Kris Roper was the Kents' scorer.

The biggest clash taking place this week is tonight at Crediton when CRONIES face NEWTOWN in the East Devon Senior cup final. Cronies have already won the Devon Senior cup and are First Division champions, and it promises to be a cracking finale against the League's Premier runners up.

On Thursday CRONIES have a second final when they meet SIDMOUTH TOWN in the Morrison Bell cup at Ottery 7pm. The Cronies clinched their first ever Bell final with a 4-0 win against NEWTON POPPLEFORD, goals coming from Marcus Fanson (2), Matt Webb and Rian Antat.

The Carlisle cup final between BRAVEHEARTS and KENTISBEARE RES is also on Thursday at Seaton and kicks off at 6.30pm the same time as Friday night's Seaton Challenge final between SEATON TOWN and UPOTTERY.

Then on Saturday LYME REGIS RES will make their debut in the Football Express Cup final when they face NORTH TAWTON at Elmore kick off 2pm.

PERRY STREET LEAGUE

FARWAY United did all they could to attempt to secure the runners-up spot behind champions Halstock with 4-3 victory over visiting Winsham Utd Res on Thursday evening.

Both teams came into the game needing a win in an attempt to lever Chard Rangers out of the second automatic promotion spot.

Things stated well for the Winsh who took the led through a fine strike from John Allen.

And, they looked in control when Ian Hilton was felled in the area and Matt Crabb tucked away the resulting penalty with five minutes to half time.

But Farway responded with a brace from Billy Reed to head into the interval with their tails up at 2-2.

That's how it stayed until 15 minute from time when sub Jordan Fowler appeared to have won it for the hosts. But there was still time for Brad Masters to deflect a free kick into his own net.

In a dramatic final few minutes Allen was dismissed for a punch dished out right in front of referee Lance Turner and Farway then grabbed their chance when Jack Murrell smashed home a wonderful long range effort with almost the last kick of the match.

Ironically, the result left Farway needing Winsham to do them a favour in Saturday's match against Chard Rangers at Bakers Field on Saturday.

This game subsequently finished 1-1 which means Chard Rangers and Farway United have finished with absolutely identical records in the chase for the runners up spot behind Halstock (both 36pts, goals for/against 61/35).

It remains to be seen how the PSDL will decide just who will accompany Halstock up into Division One.

football tables

Perry St Prem	Pld	GD	Pts
Barrington (C)	18	36	44
South Petherton	18	40	40
Beaminster	18	46	37
Misterton	18	32	33
Shepton Beau	18	7	32
Winsham Utd	18	-19	20
Chard Utd	18	-8	21
W & M Chinnock	18	-20	13
Netherbury	18	-67	9
Combe Reserves	18	-47	6*

Perry St Div 1	Pld	GD	Pts
Merriott Rovers	18	43	39
Pymore	18	29	36
Waytown Hounds	18	20	35
Forton Rangers	18	34	33
Hawkchurch Utd	18	29	32
Ilminster Colts	18	10	32
Uplyme	18	11	23
Shepton Beau Res	18	-30	14*
Combe A	18	-33	6*
S.Petherton Res	18	-113	5

Perry St Div 2	Pld	GD	Pts
Halstock (C)	18	61	45
Chard Rangers	18	26	36
Farway Utd	18	26	36
Winsham Utd Res	18	14	32
Charmouth	18	16	26
Dowlish & Donyatt	18	-16	22
Crewkerne Rangers	18	-2	20
Kingsbury Episcopi	18	-30	17
Thorncombe	18	-15	16
Chard Utd Reserves	18	-80	7

Perry St Div 3	Pld	GD	Pts
Misterton Reserves	22	93	56
Forton Rangers Res	22	70	55
Uplyme Reserves	22	66	54
Thorncombe Res	22	3	33
Lyme Regis Rovers	22	22	32*
Merriott Dynamos	22	-14	30
Crewk Rangers Res	22	7	29
Ilminster Town A	22	-22	28
Fivehead	22	-29	28
Farway Utd Res	22	-38	16
Chard Rangers Res	22	-51	11
Chard Utd All Stars	22	-107	5*

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Tolchards Drinks Devon League
Division B
Seaton 121 (M Hewer 42, S Pritchard 23; A Hannam 3-27, M Lemmings 3-9), Bideford 122-1 (J Ford 53no, T Brend 38no, M Shepherd 24). Bideford (20 points) beat Seaton (three) by nine wickets. Ipplepen 273-5 (J Lewis 65, A Peters 34, M Penrice 70, S deFriend 60, S Wakeham 22*; J Clements 2-44), Ottery St Mary 143-9 (D Flower 38, B Reed 54; J Norman 3-21, M Green 3-40). Ipplepen (19pts) beat Ottery (five) on run rate. Tavistock 278-6 (D Manning 120*, D Aucamp 42, B Barriball 33, I Gray 26, S Daymond 23*; A Pitt 2-74), Thorverton 97-3 (A Tait 32, A Hills 27). Rain stopped play. Tavistock (12pts), Thorverton (11). Barton 86 (A Parker 27; B Trenaman 4-27, D Robbins 3-17), Shobrooke Park 88-5 (J James 23; S Bowker 2-23, M Gilmour 2-19). Shobrooke (19pts) beat Barton (four) by five wickets. Abbotskerswell 239 (C Mitchell 37, T Keily 38, A Birt 27; R Bowden 3-32), Filleigh 196-5 (H Ashdown 57*, J Saker 34; C Adams 3-37). Rain stopped play. Abbotskerswell win on run rate. Abbotskerswell (17pts), Filleigh (nine).

C (East)
Braunton 181-7 (J Baglow 81, C Mitchell 23; M Richards 4-38), Whimple 182-1 (L Lorrenzen 109*, N Kidd 43no). Whimple (18pts) beat Braunton (four) by nine wickets. Clyst Hydon 214-8 (S Thevaraj 31, R Batagodage 59, O Besley 22; C Selley 3-40, C May 3-48, J Pyle 2-28), Feniton 170-3 (C May 105*; R Batagodage 2-25). Feniton (19pts) beat Clyst (six) by seven wickets on run rate. Countess Wear 221-9 (D Jarvis 54, K Diaz 38, P Singh 28*, A May 27; R Davies 3-47, S Batey 2-24), Uplyme 90 (R Davies 21; K Dias 5-23, J Bendall 2-17, P Singh 2-11). Countess Wear (20pts) beat Uplyme (four) by 131 runs. Cullompton 134 (J Parr 42; P James 5-16, T Bath 3-30), Alphington 117-2 (M Halse 49). Alphington (20pts) beat Cullompton (four) on run rate. Kilmington 316 (J Short 115, B Fuzzard 68, G Harding 32, B Garner 32; S Bourke 2-99, J Elworthy 3-16, P Weatherhead 2-56, B Jackson 2-77), Clyst SG 281-6 (C Ferro 64, D Takle 76, S Bourke 54; B Fuzzard 2-39, C Seward 2-33). Kilmington (18pts) beat Clyst (10) by 35 runs.

D (East)
Chardstock 262-9 (G Larcombe 132,T Warren 59; A Pullman 3-27), Upottery 253-9 (M Button-Stephens 48, T Wyatt 31, J Mitcham 30, R Tasker 32, R Pullman 35; G Larcombe 4-68). Chardstock (19pts) beat Upottery (nine) by nine runs. Halberton & Sampford Peverell 296-7 (J Mays 117, R Venn 56, J Turner 45*; M Phillips 3-45), Topsham St James 121 (M Phillips 38; J Geary 3-34). Halberton & SP (20ts) beat Topsham St James (six) by 176 runs. Honiton 226-9 (P Maltravers 138; E Hole 3-52), Kentisbeare 227-3 (S Chappell 58*, D Armstrong 52*, P Tatterton 48, K Walton 39). Kentisbeare (19pts) beat Honiton (six) by seven wickets. Axminster 225-7 (P Miller 45, J Elsworthy 47, N Fuzzard 39), Tiverton 226-6 (S Reed 65, R Pugsley 42no,). Tiverton (18pts) beat Axminster (eight) by four wickets. Woodbury 82 (S Moore 3-11, R Lake 3-50 Barnstaple & Pilton 83-1 (A Barton 31, G McEndoo 34). Barnstaple & Pilton (20pts) beat Woodbury & Newton St Cyres (two) by nine wickets.

2nd XI A
Braunton 78 (Extras 29; S Saunders 4-18, M Canning 2-10, G Ward 2-14), Sandford 80-0 (C Blake 43no). Sandford (20pts) beat Braunton (1) by 10 wickets. Bideford v Lewdown. Lewdown unable to raise a side. Bideford (20 points), Lewdown (-10). Abbotskerswell 2nd XI: 49 (B Gibson: 2-21, R. Cunningham 5-18), Plymstock 2nd XI 52-5 (M Woodward 25no; Z. Hannis-Smith 2-12, B Cowdry (2-15). Plymstock (18 points) beat Abbotskerswell (three) by five wickets. Barton 188 (C Harford 29, A Lipton 59, J Bell 42no; W Thompson 2-30), Heathcoat 167 (G Clatworthy 30, P Elliott 49; C Harford 3-29, K Lardner 2-38). Barton (19pts) beat Heathcoat (nine) by 21 runs. Paignton 231 (J Fuller 56, M Smith 48, T Medlock 28; G Mutter 4-32, A Prassad 3-44), Ottery St Mary 101 (A Clements 33, R Medlock 2-8, A Farkins 2-21). Paignton (20pts) beat Ottery (seven) by 127 runs.

2nd XI B (East)
Chudleigh 122 (J Vittles 33no, extras 31; T Ballet 2-12, A Wilson 3-37, C Hogan 2-24), Alphington 70-2 (C Grabham 26*; H Windsor-Horne 2-12). Alphington 20pts beat Chudleigh (four) on run rate. Clyst Hydon 104 Hatherleigh 106-1 (S Weale 68, E Jones 30). Hatherleigh (20pts) beat Clyst Hydon (two) by nine wickets. Sidmouth 3rds 181-6 (L Adey 71*, G Munday 65; D Manning 2-36, P Turner 2-39), Shobrooke Park 185-2 (P Turner 97*). Shobrooke Park (18pts) beat Sidmouth (five) by eight wickets. Bradninch 158 (P Nott 69, C Carthew 44; R Bradley 5-21, L Vukusic 3-24), Thorverton 162-4. Thorverton (20pts) beat Bradninch (five) by six wickets.

2nd XI C (East)
North Devon 3rds 111-7 Barnstaple & Pilton 114-4. Barnstaple & Pilton (18pts) beat North Devon (four) by six wickets. Kilmington 198 (H Cook 55, M Huscroft 53*; A Holifield 2-23, N Choudhary 2-18, A Jenkins 4-34), Exeter 3rds 168-7 (C Hirst 68no; S Olive 2-30, M Micklethwaite 3-40). Exeter (20pts) beat Kilmington (seven) on run rate. Honiton 427-7 (Craig Lapping 152*, A Lapping 94, K Kelly 85; C Cottey 3-40, R Dennis 2-87), Kentisbeare 296 (J Sprague 94, R Normaqn 68, I Oliver 44; Craig Lapping 3-22, Corey Lapping 2-83). Honiton (20pts) beat Kentisbeare (eight) by 131 runs. Upottery 184-3 (A.Pulman 69*, J.Kennard 47*, P.Kaal 35; G.Maltby 2-49) beat Uplyme & Lyme Regis 179-7 (B.Maltby 106, D.Matthews 34; A.Salter 3-10) by seven wickets. Halberton & SP 178-8 (R Broomhed 59, B Chilcott 26; S Jefferson 3-11, A Witton 3-41), Whimple 165-6 (K Thompson 54no, L Witton 26, P Gillard 25; F Harding 2-16). Whimple (19pts) beat Halberton & SP (seven) on run rate.

2nd XI D (East)
Thorverton 3rds 212 (M Denford 50, A Birmingham 40, A Humphreys 26, R Simpson 37, J Spry 23; D Hurst 3-37, Emily Broad 2-34), Axminster 78 (K Hurst 29; J Spry 5-16). Thorverton (20pts) beat Axminster (six) by 134 runs. Countess Wear 291-7 (I Ballinger 79, J Barnett 75, I Singh 59), Ottery St Mary 3rds 88-4. Rain stopped play. Countess Wear (13 points) Ottery St Mary (11). Cullompton 256-9 (R McManus 47, R Stevenson 31, E Tinley 34, E Hobbs 45*; K Toze 3-35, D Squire 3-51, O Squire 2-39), Filleigh 128 (D Hart 38; A McManus 4-28, J Dienes 3-16). Cullompton (20pts) beat Filleigh (seven) by 128 runs. Feniton 137 (S Bright 73*, M Davies 23; T Dowle 2-33, J Moretta 3-23, M Moretta 3-9), Woodbury & Newton St Cyres 102-9 (C Collyer 30; J Baker 2-16, M Davies 2-3, F Perryman 2-13, A David 2-9). Feniton (17pts) beat Woodbury & Newton St Cyres (seven) on run rate.

FIXTURES
Today (Wednesday) – ROYAL LONDON ONE DAY CUP (1.30pm): Middlesex v Somerset.
FRIDAY – COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION ONE (Day one, 11am) Somerset v Warwickshire.
SATURDAY – COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION ONE (Day Two, 11am): Somerset v Warwickshire.
Tolchards Drinks Devon Cricket League B Division: Barton v Tavistock, Filleigh v Ipplepen, Ottery St Mary v Bideford/Littleham/Westward Ho, Shobrooke Park v Abbotskerswell, and Throverton v Seaton.
C Division (E): Alphington v Clyst Hydon, Clyst St George v Cullompton, Feniton v Countess Wear, Kilmington v Braunton, and Whimple v Uplyme & Lyme Regis.
D Division (E): Axminster Town v Kentisbeare, Barnstaple & Pilton v Upottery, Honiton v Woodbury & Newton St Cyres, Tiverton v Halberton & Sampford Peverell, and Topsham St James v Chardstock.
2nd XI A Division: Abbotskerswell v Heathcoat, Bideford/Littleham/Westward Ho v Ottery St Mary, Braunton v Barton, Lewdown v Sandford, and Paignton v Plymstock.
2nd XI B Division (E): Bradninch v Sidmouth, Chudleigh v Shobrooke Park, Clyst Hydon v Alphington, Exmouth v Hatherleigh, and Seaton v Throverton.
2nd XI C Division (E): Halberton & Sampford Peverell v Kilmington, Kentisbeare v Exeter, North Devon v Honiton, Uplyme & Lyme Regis v Whimple, and Upottery v Barnstaple & Pilton.
2nd XI D Division (E): Countess Wear v Feniton, Cullompton v Axminster Town, Exwick v Thorverton, Ottery St Mary v Topsham St James, and Woodbury & Newton St Cyres v Filleigh.

SUNDAY
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION ONE (Day Three, 11am): Somerset v Warwickshire.
Devon Womens' League, Div One: North Devon v Axminster Town.

cricket tables

County Champ D1	Pld	Pts
Surrey	3	45
Lancashire	3	41
Hampshire	3	40
Yorkshire	3	36
Essex	3	35
Middlesex	2	22
Warwickshire	3	13
SOMERSET	2	9

RL 50 over Cup	Pld	Pts
Essex	7	12
SOMERSET	7	10
Surrey	7	8
Glamorgan	8	8
Sussex	7	7
Hampshire	7	6
Gloucestershire	7	6
Middlesex	7	5
Kent	7	2

Devon B 1st XI	Pld	Pts
Ipplepen	2	38
Shobrook Park	2	37
Tavistock	2	36
Abbotskerswell	2	31
Barton	2	24
Filleigh	2	23
Thorverton	2	13
OTTERY St MARY	2	10
SEATON	1	9
Bideford	1	7

Devon C (e) 1st XI	Pld	Pts
FENITON	2	39
Clyst St George	2	30
Countess Wear	2	28
Clyst Hydon	2	26
KILMINGTON	2	25
Cullompton	1	20
Braunton	1	19
UPLYME & LR	2	10
Whimple	1	7
Alphington	1	4

Devon D (e) 1st XI	Pld	Pts
Barnstaple & Pilton	2	40
Kentisbeare	2	38
Halberton & SP	2	29
HONITON	2	26
Topsham St James	2	25
UPOTTERY	1	17
CHARDSTOCK	1	8
Woodbury & NSC	2	8
AXMINSTER	1	6
Tiverton	1	2

Division A 2nd XI	Pld	Pts
Bideford	2	40
Sandford	2	28
Plymstock	2	24
Abbotskerswell	2	23
Barton	1	19
Paignton	1	19
Braunton	2	9
OTTERY St MARY	1	7
Heathcoat	1	6
Lewdown	2	-5

Div B (e) 2nd XI	Pld	Pts
Hatherleigh	2	40
Thorverton	2	39
Shobrook Park	2	21
Alphington	1	20
Sidmouth	1	2
Bradninch	1	5
Clyst Hydon	2	5
Chudleigh	0	0
SEATON	0	0

Div C (e) 2nd XI	Pld	Pts
Whimple	2	39
UPOTTERY	2	38
Barnstaple & Pilton	2	37
Exeter	2	28
UPLYME & LR	2	23
HONITON	1	18
Halberton & SP	2	13
KILMINGTON	2	11
North Devon	2	11
Kentisbeare	1	8

Div D (e) 2nd XI	Pld	Pts
Cullompton	2	40
Countess Wear	2	37
FENITON	2	34
Woodbury & NSC	2	25
Exwick	2	18
AXMINSTER	1	17
Filleigh	2	15
Topsham St James	2	14
OTTERY St MARY	2	10
Thorverton	1	7

jack high bowls round-up

Axe unbeaten after excellent start

OTTERY ST MARY *with Mike Smith*
OTTERY started the week with another win in the East of Exe Mixed League, this time coming out on top 71-55 at home to SEATON, the best rink was Tony Bushell, Steve Hall, Gail Hawke & skip Dave Brown 19-10.

Ottery ladies had mixed fortunes. In the LOFTL CREDITON won 47-28, the winning Ottery rink was Dot Luff, Sharon Kenny & skip Margaret Bright 18-17.

In the LNBTL the ladies won 38-35 at FENITON, the best Ottery rink being Val Kille, Moyra Griffin & skip Gail Hawke 20-18.

Ottery Men's over 60s fared even worse - the A team losing heavily at FENITON, the B team also going down at home to UFFCULME B and the C team also losing heavily at home to WELLINGTON B.

Finally the Men salvaged some pride with a narrow 98-95 home victory against the DEVON PATRONS, the best Ottery rink was Chris Hawke, Gerry Beighton, Steve Goodenough & skip Tony Luff 29-14.

Friday club nights are once again a regular feature and all new players are welcome to come along from 6pm where free coaching will be available and all equipment will be provided, the only requirement being flat shoes or trainers.

For more information contact Mike Smith on 01404 811195, or John & Terri Ward on 01404 814651.

SEATON *with Alan Nicholas*
SEATON had a highly successful weekend of Open Days on Saturday 6th and Sunday May 7th, when a total of 61 potential new bowlers attended, with the majority signing up for the coaching course.

Last Wednesday the Men's over 60s Triples League A team played away at CREDITON A. Unfortunately, Seaton lost on both rinks with a total of 10 shots down.

The OSTL B team travelled to OKEHAMPTON A where they picked up eight points from a 41-24 victory. Seaton's top triple was, Gareth Mettam, Norman Stone & Richard Whitworth.

On Thursday the the Ladies over 50s Triples League Red team won 44-26 at HEAVITREE, the top triple being Gill Sykes, Chris Barradell & Ruby Grigg who won 29-10.

HONITON *with Julie Grant*
THERE was a thrilling 44-43 win for Honiton men in their first national two fours contest against MADEIRA B which puts them into the next round to play Exonia A. The winning rink (30-15) were Peter Baker, Bill Nicholls, Gerry Stafrace & Ken Large.

The Men's Over 60s A team had their first rink win over EXONIA A where Gerry Stafrace and Ken Large, joined this time by Ken Clarke, won 24-19 to chalk up their first two points in the league's Division One.

The Ladies Over 50 triples also gained two points last week in their league game against SIDMOUTH YELLOW away. The winning rink were Rosemary Hirons, Janet Sherwood & Julie Grant 16-15.

In the mixed friendly at TAUNTON VIVARY Honiton won 61-51, top rink Di Hawkins, Barrie Singleton, Janet Sherwood & Malcolm Seaborne 23-8. The home friendly against LYME REGIS was lost 88-79, best rink players were David Tooley, Maureen Parsons, Tracey Lambert & Bill Nicholls.

AXMINSTER *with David Harris*
THE Men's over 60s side enjoyed an excellent away 40-26 win at CREDITON in the Devon League with wins for John Ellis, David Harris & Bob Sherborne (21-11) and John Hill, Ken Webster & George Mabon (19-15) before beating FENITON 41-23 at home with success for John Ellis, David Harris & Bob Sherborne (21-15) and John Hill, Alfie Day & Doug Looskan (20-8).

The visiting NOMADS were beaten 70-52) in a friendly, the successful trios were; Margaret Brown. James Windsor & Brian Clark (23-9), Morrison Brown, David Harris & Margaret Crompton (18-13), and Philippa White, Ann Burn & John Hill (18-15).

Unfortunately BRIDPORT were unable to raise a side for the scheduled friendly.

CHARDSTOCK *with Vaughan Taylor*
EXETER & District Over 60s Triples League: May 10th - TIVERTON A 35 Chardstock A 32; M Rogers, M Toms & N Denslow 16-18. K Wakelin, J Rolph, J Porter 16-17.

SIDMOUTH C (H) Chardstock B 29 Sidmouth C 32; G Bodily, P Woods & J Tucker 14-21. W Kerr, B Howard & J Marks 15-11.

Friendlies - May 9th QUEEN CAMEL Ladies 36 Chardstock 33; P Waddington, D Emery, G Campbell & E Rolph 13-18. P Baldwin, C Bradford, R Pratt & A Sebright 20-18.

May 13th MERRIOTT 76 Chardstock 69; Adam Dredge, P Waddington, S Hatcliffe & J Rolph 16-17. A Waddington, D Hatcliffe, E Rolph & M Toms 18-18. G Campbell, A Callagan, T Dredge & J Marks 17-16. E Van der Meulen, J Pratt, Ann Dredge & S Jeffrey 18-25.

May 14th ILMINSTER 86 Chardstock 72; M Rogers, A Callagan, E Rolph, & V Fletcher 16-18. T Bird, P Waddington, B Howard & S Hatcliffe 20-18. J Pratt, D Hatcliffe, Jeanette Porter & John Porter 13-33. A Waddington, R Pratt, G Bodily & J Rolph 23-17.

ILMINSTER *with Des Maull*
Saturday men's County League
THE A team won 68-45 at home to CLEVEDON (10pts to 2): Will Anderson, Tony Peterson, Chris Robinson & Matt Hamilton 18-20; Levi Hembrow, Kevin Hamilton, Bev Brister & Pete Mattravers 25-11; Jonny Kingston, Alan Holt, Ian lightfoot & Neil Rowe 25-14.

The B team lost 66-55 away at WESTLANDS A (Ilminster 2 points Westlands 10): Des Maull, Ken Giles, Eric Keitch & Barry Sims 27 S Terrell 12; Malcolm Norton, John Mitchell, Rod Parkin & Rowland Garland 15 T Duffell 32; Steve Peasland, Roger Lench, Derek Bassett & Dave Hynard 13 G Hallet 22.

The C team won 49-48 at home to WELLINGTON B (Ilminster 8 points Wellington 4): Brian welch, Ed Bidgood, Sam Webster & Dave Crouch 11-16; Oli Collis, Mark Davies, Tony Bickle & Dave Pugh 22-15; Kevin Crouch, Leo Bonning, Roy Orme & John Osborne 16-17.

The D team won 67-55 at BRIDGWATER (Ilminster 8 points, Bridgwater 4): Bill Armstrong, Robert Clark, Dave Cox & Dave Hall 19-22; Eric Turner, Julian Smith, Derek Carter & Briane Davies 19-20; Bill Bailey, Derek Coates, Pete Bloomfield & Colin Osborne 28-13.

On Sunday CHARDSTOCK were the visitors in a four rink friendly with Ilminster winning 86-72: Val Dargue, Marjory Smith, Derek Bassett & Ian lightfoot 17 J Rolph 23; Leo Bonning, Barbara Ball, Colin White & John Mitchell 18 V Fletcher 16; Oli Collins, Norma Pugh, Maureen Mitchell & Dave Crouch 33 J Porter 13; Sarah Lightfoot, Julian Smith, Roy Orme & Dave Pugh 18 S Hartcliffe 20.

Ilminster Ladies played a friendly at CREWKERNE losing overall 32-24: Dargue, Rita Grout & Margaret Evans 9 Doreen Tape 21; Sarah Lightfoot, Marjory Smith & Norma Pugh 15 Linda Daly 11.

CHARD *with Peter Avery*
CHARD have continued their hectic start to the season playing four matches in quick succession.

In the first, we travelled to LYME REGIS winning 65-64 overall; Chard's winning triples were Roy Vaux, Glenn Berry & Stan Fowler 21-9; Barbara Nichols, Ron Genge & Mike Nichols 19-14; Doug Hislop, Peter Avery & Maurice Wakeling 19-18.

CHARDSTOCK were hosted the following day and, despite winning on four of the six rinks, Chard were defeated 97-90; Chard's winning rinks were; Fred Ward, Terry O'Hara, Phil Stringer & Maurice Wakeling 14-11; Maureen Fenwick, Peter Avery & Stan Fowler 19-15; Barbara Ball, John Fenwick & Mike Nichols 17-11; Roy Vaux, Pauline Small & Clive Small 18-16.

The third match was away at CHARMOUTH where Chard won all three triples: Doug Hislop, Barbara Ball & Norman Connelly 18-17; John Fenwick, Roy Vaux & Stan Fowler 21-15; Maureen Fenwick, Peter Avery & Fred Ward 21-15.

The final match in this sequence was a trip to QUEEN CAMEL who were defeated 73-58: Fred Ward, Peter Avery & Maurice Wakeling 17-13; Doug Hislop, Barbara Ball & Alan White 20-14; Roy Vaux, Glenn Berry & Stan Fowler 25-10.

The **Open Day** was very successful with more than 20 people either returning to bowls or trying the game for the first time.

If you missed this opportunity then please come along to our Club 'umbrella' on a Tuesday afternoon from 2pm; if you intend to do this then please contact p.avery01@btinternet.com or 01460 239064 so that the necessary preparations can be made.

MERRIOTT *with Jean Crisp*
MERRIOTT played their first league match of the season on Saturday, May 6th at SOMERTON which ended in an exciting 76-76 draw, rink scores: J.Parsons, P.Stow, J.Churchman & J.Ashby 17-25. C.Parsons, N.Whitfield, B.Dibble & E.Rush 21-14. A.Truscott, C.Truscott, J.Crisp & P.White 10. M.Gibbs 27. D.Baker, I.Kendall, B.Whitfield & M.Allen 28-10.

The following Saturday Merriott won a home friendly 76-69 against CHARDSTOCK, rink scores: N.Whitfield, E.Rush, B.Dibble & A.Williams 18 M.Toms 18. J.Parsons, A.Truscott, J.Crisp & F.Bull 16 J.Marks 17. C.Parsons, B.Whitfield, S.Nuttall, & P.Williams 25 S.Jeffery 18. D.Baker, C.Truscott, M.Heathcote & M.Allen 17 J.Rolph 16.

running extra

■ **ON YOUR MARKS:** The Honiton Running Club (above) and Axe Valley Runners pictured before the weekend's Ottery 10K run.

triathlon pure endurance club

Medal haul at Stourhead

SIX of the Pure Endurance team took on the IMMORTAL SPRINT TRIATHLON, - a 900-metre swim, 18-mile bike and 4.5 mile run.

The swim took place in the lake set in the glorious Stourhead National Trust Estate before a windy undulating ride and then an up and down run route with a 800m hill finish.

It was a great day for the team who lifted two awards; Kerri-Ann Upham coming in as 1st Female and Richard Harvey, Phil Bartlett, Luke Reed and Dean Churchill winning the team award.

Results: Luke Reed - Swim 13:36mins/Bike 54:35mins/Run 30:23mins - Total 1hr 43:52mins/4th Overall (2nd AG), **Dean Churchill** - 15:45/57:50/33:11 - Total 1:52:13/17th Overall (6th AG). **Kerri- Ann Upham** - 13:50/59:19/35:58 - Total 1:55:06/24th Overall (1st AG). **Richard Harvey** - 16:11/59:15/35:41 - Total 1:57:20/34th Overall (10th AG). **Phil Bartlett** - 15:34/1:00:47/40:12- Total 2:02:59/53rd Overall (20th AG). **Andrew Dare** -17:06/1:07:18/42:11 - Total 2:02:59/98th Overall (32nd AG).

Meanwhile, **Jess Tubbs** was in MAJORCA taking on the 70.3 Ironman, her first half Ironman and in very hot conditions had a great race coming in at 7hrs 30mins.

■ **WORTH THE EFFORT:** Jess Tubbs in Majorca (left) and the Pure Endurance six strong team at Stourhead.

darts colyton & district

Finals night results

LAST Friday saw the culmination of the 2016-17 Colyton Darts League with finals night hosted by The Kingfisher. Results were as follows:

Berwick Cup Final (fours): Halesy's Bar A 3 Vault B 2.
Brutton Cup Final (sixes): Halesy's Bar A 3 Kings Arms 0.

Utting Cup (Finals night sixes):
QF: Vault A 2 Kingfisher B 0; Halesy's Bar B 2 Golden Hind 0.
SF: Dolphin A 2 Vault A 0; Halesy's Bar B 2 Kingfisher A 0.
Final: Dolphin A 2 Halesy's Bar B 0.

Hunt Cup (Ladies singles):
SF: Michelle Harvey (Vault B) 2 Lucy Dack (Kingfisher B) 1; Angie Massey (Kings Arms) 2 Jen Allsopp 1 (Golden Hind).
Final: Angie Massey 2 Michelle Harvey 0.

Sutherland Cup (Pairs):
SF: Allan Hayes & Roger Pym (Kingfisher A) 2 Dave Hales & Andy Morgan (Halesy's Bar B) 1; Colin Hales & Paul Cox (Kingfisher A) 2 Jamie McLennan & Mark Durston 1.
Final: Allan Hayes & Roger Pym 2 Colin Hales & Paul Cox 1.

Ayres Cup (Singles):
SF: Dave Hales (Halesy's Bar B) 2 Mark Bradley (Vault A) 0; Flynn Jones (Dolphin A) 2 Kevin Searle (Halesy's Bar A) 0.
Final: Flynn Jones 2 Dave Hales 0.

■ TOP TWO: Colyton Darts Pairs Winners Roger Pym and Allan Hayes

boules axe valley

Division One: Ship Castaways 0 Gerrard Arms B 5; Kingfisher Rebels 2 Whitford Warriors 3; Axe Cliff B 1 Fishers 4; Kingfisher A v Colyton FC.
Division Two: Golden Wonders 4 Royal Clarence B 1; Eyre Court A 3 Beer Mariners 2; Royal Clarence A 3 Kingfisher Stars 2; New Inn Flyers 2 Shipwrecked 3.
Division Three: Seaton FC A 2 Axe Cliff Mixed 3; White Hart Movers 5 Cloakham Lawns 0; Gerrard Red Balls 1 New White Hart 4.

Division One	Pld	Pts
Fishers	4	15
Gerrard Arms B	4	15
Kingfisher A	3	12
Golden Hind B	3	10
Kingfisher Rebels	4	10
Whitford Warriors	3	8
Axe Cliff B	4	6
Ship Castaways	3	5
Colyton FC	2	2
Kings Arms A	3	2

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Golden Wonders	4	12
New Inners	3	11
Shipwrecked	4	11
Eyre Court A	4	9
New Inn Flyers	3	8
Beer Mariners	3	8
Kingfisher Stars	4	8
Royal Clarence A	3	6
Royal Clarence B	2	2

Division Three	Pld	Pts
New White Hart	4	14
White Hart Movers	4	13
Seaton Town FC A	3	9
Axe Cliff Mixed	3	7
Kings Jesters	2	7
Lamb Visitors	3	7
Cloakham Lawns	4	5
Gerrard Red Balls	3	3
Lamb Mutton	2	4

cribbage round-up

AXMINSTER SUMMER LEAGUE
Week Three: Axminster Cons A 2 New Inn Kilm 2, Lamb Swans 3 Dolphin Beer 1, Cloakham Lawns 2 Axminster Cons B 2.
Beer League: Axminster Cons A 2 New Inn Kilm 4, Lamb Swans 2 Dolphin Beer 4, Cloakham Lawns 3 Axminster Cons B 4.
Fixtures (May 22nd); Ko Cup R1 - Dolphin Beer v New Inn Kilm, Axminster Cons B v Lamb Swans.

League Table	Pld	Pts
Axminster Con Club A	3	7
Lamb Swans	2	7
Cloakham Lawns	3	6
Dolphin Beer	3	6
New Inn Kilmington	3	6
Axminster Con Club B	3	4

Tony Rockett Beer Lge	Pld	Pts
New Inn Kilmington	3	11
Axminster Con Club A	3	10
Axminster Con Club B	3	9
Lamb Swans	3	9
Cloakham Lawns	3	8
Dolphin Beer	3	7

tee off golf

Kenworthy nine clear in Scratch Cup

HONITON *with John Pawley*
THE seniors won a friendly at CRICKET ST THOMAS 4½–1½ last Monday.

The Tuesday mixed competition last week was a Rye foursomes, which requires a decision at the commencement of the round as to whether the man or the lady takes the second shot on the odd numbered holes, the other partner taking the second shot on each of the even numbered holes. Thereafter the format continues like normal foursomes.

Twenty four players took part, and the winning couple were Lesley Farley & Laurie Tollemache with 40 points. Sue Ritchie & Stan Squire came second with 38 beating Linda Curtis & Larry Goodliffe into third on count-back.

Last week's Ladies' competition was a foursomes. With the course continuing dry and the fairways redrawn and cut the playing conditions were slightly different.

The main competition was the Coronation Foursomes, with the leading pair going forward to the national finals. The winners were Heather Clarke & Olwen Eaton with 37 points.

A normal Stableford foursomes was available to the six other pairs where Cherry Liell & Lesley Farley came first with 42 followed by Chris Pearce & Chris Luttman (37) and Pam Knibb & Jan Lloyd (36).

The return leg of the Emerton Court match against SAUNTON was played at Honiton on Thursday. Alan Pollock's team, who trailed 3½-1½ from the away match won this encounter 3–2 but were beaten 5½ - 4½ on aggregate.

The arrival of more changeable weather curtailed Friday's medal competition when fog hit the course and the only option was to call a halt.

It did clear later but not in time for the 60 members to finish their rounds.

Next up is the first Seniors Open of the year – the Pairs, with a large number of visitors and members entered.

Finally, the East Devon league team lost 3½-1½ away to SIDMOUTH on Saturday whilst the Dartmoor league team won 3-2 at home to WRANGATON on Sunday.

CRICKET ST THOMAS
with Bert Robinson
A SUNNY morning with a chill wind greeted the 48 Seniors last Monday for a three-man stableford Bowmaker variation with all three players having to score on the first six holes. The outcome came down to the final green when a long putt by John Pearce saw his team to victory.

Result: 1st John Pearce; Richard Agar & Alan Teasdale 82 points, 2nd. Jonny Bloys; Richard Dines & Roger Withers 81, 3rd Alan Davis; Martin Leigh & Bert Robinson 78.

Meanwhile, the Seniors' match team entertained HONITON. Roger Stone & Andy Beale managed a half in game one, but there followed defeats in the following four games. Roger Davis & Ian Fielder restored some pride in the final game.

Results; Roger Stone & Andy Beale halved, Barrie Heath & Barrie Singleton lost 4&3, George Wallace & Nobby Hodder lost by 1 hole, Bob Barrow & John McOmish lost 2&1, Keith Potter & James Sick lost 3&2, Roger Davis & Ian Fielder won 6&4.

On Wednesday, 44 members entered the four-ball better ball competition in benign conditions that ensured that many teams returned scores in the 40s.

Result:1st Ron Sutherland & Tony Stenhouse 46 points, 2nd Bob White & Nick George 45, 3rd Nobby Hodder & Bert Robinson 44.

The Seniors completed their week on Friday with a three-man, all to count stableford. Mike Hone's score of 40 points equalled that of D.Taylor, but with consistency being the key in this format, they were not enough to take the honours.

Result: 1st Robin Flower, Bob Barrow & Brian Hodder 109 points, 2nd George Willerton; Tom Downey & D Taylor 109, 3rd Mike Hone; Alan Davis & Nobby Hodder 108.

AXE CLIFF *with Peter Motson*
THE Men's section recently played their May Medal. The Division One winner was Stuart Mackie with a nett 74 while Division Two was won by David Morgan with a nett 79.

The men played their Scratch (36 holes) and Handicap (18 holes) Cups on the May 7th.

The winner of the Scratch Cup was Alan Kenworthy scoring a gross 74 in his first round and a gross 76 on the second winning by nine shots from Andrew Hellier.

The Handicap Cup was won by Richard Gibbons on countback with a nett 67 from Steve Bond while Alan Kenworthy was third with a nett 69. Alan Kenworthy, Andrew Hellier, Steve Anning and Chris Glover all carded 2s.

The Ladies section entertained TIVERTON in the Devon League last Monday winning the match 4½-1½. The points resulted in 9 to Axe Cliff and 4½ to Tiverton. Axe Cliff also won the Reserve game.

The ladies welcomed BIGBURY last Friday. In the reverse game at Bigbury Axe Cliff received shots but at home they all gave shots, ranging from five to 10 but still won the match 5-1 which banked 10 points to Bigbury's three.

On Wednesday the Ladies played the monthly County Prize stableford competition which brought a close win for Helen Gaudie who also won the Rabbit trophy, played simultaneously with the County Prize (for handicaps of 30 and above).

Result: 1st Helen Gaudie 34pts, 2nd Jo Donmall (33), 3rd Margaret Kenchington (32).

The Seniors section played the Brian Abbott foursomes on Friday with a combined H/C of 7/16ths, hence a nett H/C of 14.

The winning pair was Dave Bruce & Brian Thompson with 35 points they were followed by John Mant & Alan Morgan (34) and Stuart Mackie & Bob Berry (33) pts.

Sid Pember scored the only two.

starter's orders running news

Wambrook and Ottery 10k's prove popular

Axe Valley Runners
with Dave Mutter.
SIX AVR's travelled to on Wednesday YEOVILTON to take part in the second race of the 5k series.

The four runners that took part both this and last month where all slower by between 15-20 seconds which may have been down to running into a fairly strong breeze between the 3 to 4k mark.

Jake Smith was 2nd in 15:46, Ollie Caute 8th 16:39, Terry Emmett 23rd 18:16, Matt Hewer 27th 18:27, Josh Hopson 29th 18:37 and Kelly Stamp 111th 23:46.

Thirteen AVRs finished the OTTERY 10k organised by Honiton Running Club on Sunday. First AVR home was Matt Hewer in 30:04 18th overall out of 301, the first female AVR was Carol Austin in 49:33 who was third W55 and 102nd overall.

A very special mention is worth making of two AVRs who due to the prize distribution system were running in categories of considerably younger runners and acquitted themselves very well: Andy Sayers 125th 51:47 and John Mellodew 230th in 1:01:35.

Other AVR results; Terry Emmett 39:52, Pete Knox 48:17, Rachel Grant 51:46, Angela Kerr 52:32, Laura Kerr 58:41, Fiona Pyle 1:02:38, Kirstin Harwood 1:02:39, Hannah Williams 1:05:07 and Emma Grigg 1:07:56.

Meanwhile, James Ashforth competed in HOPE24 where the aim was to compete 65 miles (13 laps of a five mile course). After nine hours all was going well and James had completed 25 miles, then the rain just kept coming and at10pm the event was suspended for seven hours.

The event restarted at 5am with a slightly different course due to the issues the rain created.

After seven hours James had completed 45 miles he passed the line with two minutes left till the 24 hours' deadline which meant he could go around again so allowing him to get 50 miles. James raised nearly £350 for Hope for children.

The overnight rain softened it up nicely underfoot for this year's WAMBROOK WADDLE, a hilly 10km off-road race starting and finishing at the Tithe Barn in Cotley near Chard.

The senior race was won by Christian Green of Wells City Harriers in a course record of 39:42.

First AVR back was Josh Hopson, 17th out of 105 in 50:32 followed by Clare Hansford, 2nd lady 29th 54:05, Eleanor Wood 3rd lady 31st 54:55 and Phil Bayliss, 34th 55:23. Karen Eyre was 1st female 45+, 36th 56:05, Roger Bramley 37th 56:36, Alan Morbey 40th 57:58 and Steven Lewis 61st 1:05:10.

In the 2K junior race Sam Eyre was 4th 8:40 whilst brother Will was 28th 12:04.

Kevin Feeney ran the TWO TUNNELS RETURN TICKET Half Marathon in Bath and finished 88th/167 and 3rd M60 in 2:00:18 just two minutes outside his PB.

The route follows the Two Tunnels Greenway Path and includes two recently re-opened railway tunnels which total 8km – very handy on a warm sunny day!

Chard Road Runners
with Paul Masters
CHARD Roadrunners staged the multi-terrain WAMBROOK WADDLE 10k and Junior 2k with over 100 runners in the 10k and 50 in the 2k.

The race was hosted by courtesy of the Eames family, the route across the land not normally accessible, was stunning and was part of the Somerset Series.

The front runners for the 10K were; 1st Christian Green 39m 42s, 2nd Sam Gregory 40:19, 3rd Wayne Loveridge 41:09. Ladies: 1st Mary Gaston 50:56, 2nd Clare Hansford 54:05, 3rd Eleanor Wood 54:55.

The 2K leaders were; George Chapman 8m 10s, 2nd Henry Birchall 8:27, 3rd Will Birchall 8:34. Ladies: Darcie Cockburn 9:36, 2nd TBC 9:56, 3rd Ellie Birchall 10:33.

Honiton Running Club
THE OTTERY 10K race organised by Honiton Running Club took place in sunny conditions on Sunday.

Ottery Carnival Committee provided many of the marshals and although many HRC members were involved with organisation, the Club still managed to sport a good representation of runners. Numbers entered overall beat the course with 301 crossing the finish line.

This all road course is around the streets of Ottery St Mary was won by Tom Merson of Exmouth Harriers in 32 minutes and two seconds – over two minutes ahead of the 2nd placed runner. The first lady was Suzy Rushforth of South West Road Runners in 41:08.

First back for Honiton was Will Daly who came 12th in 38:22 while George Tomkins came 35th in 41:38 just ahead of Sherrie Hair who was 1st lady back for HRC and 2nd lady overall in 41:49.

Other HRC runners were: 47th Mark Newson 43:12, 52nd Rod Inglis 44:06, 56th Sam Pollard 44:33, 62nd Steve Davey 45:15, 66th Richard Harris 45:42, 78th Mark Dallyn 46:34, 79th Jo Davey 46:45,80th Steve Selley 46:57, 93rd Pippa Westall 48:36, 107th Darren Roberts 49:55, 114th Kate Smith 50:47, 119th Andy Ashford 51:05, 146th Jay Sweetman 52:37, 147th Rachel Hennessey 52:38, 176th Lex Turnham 55:12, 177th Asilah Jarrald 55:14, 178th Clare Melbourne 55:20, 181st Linda Pike 56:03, 189th Charlotte McKechnie 57:07, 190th Teresa Pollard 57:10, 193rd Geri Terry 57:36, 207th Owen Bukin 58:52, 209th Phil Hall 58:58, 216th Alan Rowe 59:58, 219th Claire Staniforth 1:00:13, 223rd Carol Turnham 1:00:35, 224th Liz Corney 1:00:39, 232nd Becky Galiford 1:01:42, 238th Lucy Daly 1:01:48, 264th Karen Shaw 1:05:40, 276th Claire Arscott 1:07:16, 283rd Paula Ferris 1:10:08 (running with Paul Bryant), 286th Vanessa Glyn Jones 1:12:09, 289th Elizabeth Kranen 1:14:05.

There was also a one-mile fun run open to youngsters.

■ WELL DONE: Clare Hansford receives her trophy for second lady from the Reverend Georgina Vye at the Wambrook Waddle 10k.

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